

Stephenson and Torkelson from the Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

S.F. No. 1832, A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for jobs, labor, and economic development; appropriating money for the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Mediation Services, and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; modifying economic development provisions; modifying Explore Minnesota provisions; making labor policy changes; modifying provisions governing the certification of underground telecommunications installers; canceling prior appropriations; creating accounts; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.431, subdivision 2; 116J.659, subdivisions 4, 5; 116J.8733, subdivision 4; 116J.8752, subdivision 2; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 116L.05, subdivision 5; 116L.98, subdivision 2; 116M.18, subdivision 3; 116U.05; 116U.06; 116U.15; 116U.30; 116U.35; 177.253, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 177.254, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 177.27, subdivision 5; 248.07, subdivisions 7, 8; 268.085, subdivision 15; 268.184, subdivision 1; 326B.103, by adding subdivisions; 326B.184, subdivisions 1a, 2; 326B.198, subdivisions 2, 3; 326B.31, subdivision 29; 326B.33, subdivision 21; 326B.37, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, by adding a subdivision; 326B.49, subdivisions 2, 3; 326B.986, subdivision 9; 327.31, by adding a subdivision; 327.32, subdivisions 1a, 1e, 7; 327.33, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, by adding subdivisions; 327B.01, subdivisions 1, 7, 19, by adding subdivisions; 327B.04, subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 7a; 327B.041; 327B.05, subdivision 1; 469.54, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 15, section 33, subdivision 4, as amended; article 18, sections 2, subdivisions 1, 4; 3, subdivisions 1, 4, 5; article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; article 21, section 7, as amended; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 14, section 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 326B; repealing Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for

each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

(b) If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once in the 2025 regular or special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once.

APPROPRIATIONS

Available for the Year

Ending June 30

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
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Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 145,034,000</u>	<u>\$ 109,490,000</u>
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Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>80,513,000</u>	<u>80,513,000</u>
<u>Family and Medical Benefit Insurance</u>	<u>40,544,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
<u>Workforce Development</u>	<u>23,277,000</u>	<u>23,277,000</u>

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

<u>Subd. 2. Business and Community Development</u>	<u>20,489,000</u>	<u>20,489,000</u>
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Appropriations by Fund

<u>General</u>	<u>19,789,000</u>	<u>19,789,000</u>
<u>Remediation</u>	<u>700,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>

(a) \$1,037,000 each year is for the greater Minnesota business development public infrastructure grant program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.

(b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small business development centers under Minnesota

3.1 Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
3.2 available under this paragraph may be used to
3.3 match funds under the federal Small Business
3.4 Development Center (SBDC) program under
3.5 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
3.6 provide consulting and technical services or
3.7 to build additional SBDC network capacity to
3.8 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.

3.9 (c) \$2,725,000 each year is for the small
3.10 business assistance partnerships program
3.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
3.12 All grant awards must be for two consecutive
3.13 years. Grants must be awarded in the first year.
3.14 The department may use up to five percent of
3.15 the appropriation for administrative purposes.

3.16 (d) \$350,000 each year is for administration
3.17 of the community energy transition office
3.18 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.5491.

3.19 (e) \$1,022,000 each year is for contaminated
3.20 site cleanup and development grants under
3.21 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
3.22 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
3.23 expended.

3.24 (f) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
3.25 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
3.26 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
3.27 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
3.28 appropriation is available until expended.

3.29 (g) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
3.30 Rural Policy and Development.

3.31 (h) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
3.32 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
3.33 Corporation under Minnesota Statutes,
3.34 sections 469.40 to 469.47.

- 4.1 (i) \$875,000 each year is for the host
4.2 community economic development program
4.3 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
4.4 116J.548.
- 4.5 (j)(1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to
4.6 local communities to increase the number of
4.7 quality child care providers to support
4.8 economic development. Fifty percent of grant
4.9 money must go to communities located outside
4.10 the seven-county metropolitan area as defined
4.11 in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
4.12 subdivision 2.
- 4.13 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
4.14 nonstate match to grant money in either cash
4.15 or in-kind contribution, unless the
4.16 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
4.17 money available under this subdivision must
4.18 be used to implement projects to reduce the
4.19 child care shortage in the state, including but
4.20 not limited to funding for child care business
4.21 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
4.22 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
4.23 to retain employees, or improvements required
4.24 for licensing and assistance with licensing and
4.25 other regulatory requirements. In awarding
4.26 grants, the commissioner must give priority
4.27 to communities that have demonstrated a
4.28 shortage of child care providers.
- 4.29 (3) Within one year of receiving grant money,
4.30 grant recipients must report to the
4.31 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
4.32 program, including but not limited to the
4.33 number of new providers, the number of
4.34 additional child care provider jobs created, the
4.35 number of additional child care slots, and the

5.1 amount of cash and in-kind local money
5.2 invested. Within one month of all grant
5.3 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
5.4 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
5.5 outcomes to the chairs and ranking minority
5.6 members of the legislative committees with
5.7 jurisdiction over early learning and child care
5.8 and economic development.

5.9 (k) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
5.10 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
5.11 amount:

5.12 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
5.13 of the Office of Child Care Community
5.14 Partnerships; and

5.15 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
5.16 Information Office to conduct research and
5.17 analysis related to the child care industry.

5.18 (l) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
5.19 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
5.20 Foundations. This appropriation is available
5.21 until June 30, 2029. The Minnesota Initiative
5.22 Foundations must use grant money under this
5.23 section to:

5.24 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
5.25 communities resulting in a community solution
5.26 action plan that guides decision making to
5.27 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
5.28 care in the region to support economic
5.29 development;

5.30 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
5.31 resources to support the community solution
5.32 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
5.33 vital component of additional regional
5.34 economic development planning processes;

6.1 (3) provide locally based training and technical
6.2 assistance to rural child care business owners
6.3 individually or through a learning cohort.
6.4 Access to financial and business development
6.5 assistance must prepare child care businesses
6.6 for quality engagement and improvement by
6.7 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
6.8 other sources, and fostering business acumen
6.9 that allows child care businesses to plan for
6.10 and afford the cost of providing quality child
6.11 care; and

6.12 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
6.13 in quality rating and improvement
6.14 measurement programs. The Minnesota
6.15 Initiative Foundations must work with local
6.16 partners to provide low-cost training,
6.17 professional development opportunities, and
6.18 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
6.19 Initiative Foundations must fund through local
6.20 partners an enhanced level of coaching to rural
6.21 child care providers to obtain a quality rating
6.22 through measurement programs.

6.23 (m) \$1,246,000 each year is for the
6.24 redevelopment program under Minnesota
6.25 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.

6.26 (n) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
6.27 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
6.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money
6.29 available under this paragraph is for transfer
6.30 into the emerging entrepreneur program
6.31 special revenue fund account created under
6.32 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and is
6.33 available until expended. Of this amount, up
6.34 to four percent is for administration and
6.35 monitoring of the program.

7.1 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
 7.2 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

7.3 (p) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
 7.4 dissemination, and use of labor market
 7.5 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.6 116J.401.

7.7 (q) \$3,000,000 each year is for the CanStartup
 7.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.9 116J.659.

7.10	<u>Subd. 3. Employment and Training Services</u>	<u>26,615,000</u>	<u>26,615,000</u>
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7.11	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
7.12		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7.13	<u>General</u>	<u>11,263,000</u>	<u>11,263,000</u>
7.14	<u>Workforce</u>		
7.15	<u>Development</u>	<u>15,352,000</u>	<u>15,352,000</u>

7.16 (a) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
 7.17 development fund for rural career counseling
 7.18 coordinators in the workforce service areas
 7.19 and for the purposes specified under
 7.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

7.21 (b) \$1,275,000 each year is for the
 7.22 transformative career pathways workforce
 7.23 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.24 116L.43. The department may use up to five
 7.25 percent of this appropriation for
 7.26 administration, monitoring, and oversight of
 7.27 the program.

7.28 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
 7.29 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
 7.30 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
 7.31 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
 7.32 percent is for administration and monitoring
 7.33 of the program.

8.1 (d) \$3,990,000 each year from the general fund
8.2 and \$5,954,000 each year from the workforce
8.3 development fund are for the pathways to
8.4 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
8.5 amount, up to five percent is for administration
8.6 and monitoring of the program.

8.7 (e) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
8.8 development fund for current Minnesota
8.9 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
8.10 appropriation must be divided equally among
8.11 the eligible centers.

8.12 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
8.13 grants to organizations providing services to
8.14 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
8.15 Asian community through workforce
8.16 recruitment, job development, job creation,
8.17 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
8.18 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
8.19 five percent is for administration and
8.20 monitoring of the program.

8.21 (g) \$1,125,000 each year is for a competitive
8.22 grant program to provide grants to
8.23 organizations that provide support services for
8.24 individuals including job training, employment
8.25 preparation, internships, job assistance to
8.26 parents, financial literacy, academic and
8.27 behavioral interventions for low-performing
8.28 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
8.29 under this paragraph must focus on
8.30 low-income communities, young adults from
8.31 families with a history of intergenerational
8.32 poverty, and communities of color. Of this
8.33 amount, up to five percent is for administration
8.34 and monitoring of the program.

- 9.1 (h) \$1,500,000 each year from the general fund
9.2 and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce
9.3 development fund are for the youth-at-work
9.4 competitive grant program under Minnesota
9.5 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
9.6 up to five percent is for administration and
9.7 monitoring of the youth workforce
9.8 development competitive grant program. All
9.9 grant awards must be for two consecutive
9.10 years. Grants must be awarded in the first year.
- 9.11 (i) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
9.12 development fund for the youthbuild program
9.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361
9.14 to 116L.366.
- 9.15 (j) \$4,050,000 each year is from the workforce
9.16 development fund for the Minnesota youth
9.17 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
9.18 116L.56 and 116L.561.
- 9.19 (k) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of
9.20 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,
9.21 section 116J.4231.
- 9.22 (l) \$25,000 each year is for a grant to the
9.23 University of Minnesota Tourism Center for
9.24 ongoing system maintenance, management,
9.25 and content updates for an online hospitality
9.26 training program in partnership with Explore
9.27 Minnesota Tourism. This training program
9.28 must be made available at no cost to
9.29 Minnesota residents in an effort to address
9.30 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
9.31 and tourism industries and assist in career
9.32 development.

- 10.1 (m) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing wage
10.2 staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
10.3 116J.871, subdivision 2.
- 10.4 (n)(1) \$250,000 each year is for the
10.5 commissioner to, in consultation with the
10.6 commissioner of children, youth, and families,
10.7 purchase and operate an online early childhood
10.8 development professional educator program
10.9 to be available at no cost to early childhood
10.10 educators, Minnesota residents, and high
10.11 school students. Of this amount, up to \$50,000
10.12 each year is for reimbursing participating
10.13 schools for the expense of supporting the
10.14 program. School reimbursements must be done
10.15 on a first-come, first-served basis, though at
10.16 least 50 percent must go to schools outside the
10.17 seven-county metropolitan area, as defined in
10.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
10.19 subdivision 2.
- 10.20 (2) The program selected must:
- 10.21 (i) include all of the coursework in English or
10.22 Spanish necessary to earn a child development
10.23 associate credential upon successful
10.24 completion;
- 10.25 (ii) provide courses allowing for the award of
10.26 continuing education units accredited by the
10.27 International Accreditors for Continuing
10.28 Education and Training;
- 10.29 (iii) provide health and safety courses meeting
10.30 federal annual training requirements under the
10.31 child care development block grant and the
10.32 child care and development fund;

- 11.1 (iv) be usable for students in high school
- 11.2 career and technical programs if requested by
- 11.3 school districts;
- 11.4 (v) be based on research and developmentally
- 11.5 appropriate practices as defined by national
- 11.6 professional organizations such as the National
- 11.7 Association for the Education of Young
- 11.8 Children;
- 11.9 (vi) include content that spans early childhood
- 11.10 development from birth to age five and that
- 11.11 covers topics such as developmental
- 11.12 milestones, health and safety, working with
- 11.13 children with special needs, supporting
- 11.14 families, the Science of Reading, and running
- 11.15 a high-quality early education program;
- 11.16 (vii) include videos, interactive games,
- 11.17 knowledge checks, and writing assignments;
- 11.18 (viii) have a system for program administrators
- 11.19 and state agencies to capture course
- 11.20 completion data, certification status, and
- 11.21 individual and group professional development
- 11.22 progress;
- 11.23 (ix) be accessible on a range of computers,
- 11.24 tablets, and mobile devices;
- 11.25 (x) include professional development
- 11.26 opportunities that are both synchronous and
- 11.27 asynchronous;
- 11.28 (xi) foster a professional learning community
- 11.29 with access to early childhood content experts
- 11.30 and opportunities to share knowledge with
- 11.31 peers around the country;
- 11.32 (xii) provide a user-friendly system with
- 11.33 support by a customer help desk; and

- 12.1 (xiii) support a professional development
 12.2 system housed on a learning management
 12.3 system with proven capability to provide
 12.4 reliable simultaneous access to a network of
 12.5 early educators.
- 12.6 (o) \$448,000 each year is for a grant to the
 12.7 Minnesota STEM Ecosystem. Grant money
 12.8 must be used to support STEM learning
 12.9 opportunities and workforce development
 12.10 within the science and technology areas. The
 12.11 Minnesota STEM Ecosystem may award
 12.12 grants to programs that support STEM
 12.13 learning and workforce development to ensure
 12.14 strategic alignment of STEM initiatives across
 12.15 the state.
- 12.16 **Subd. 4. General Support Services** **5,028,000** **5,028,000**
- 12.17 Appropriations by Fund
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| 12.18 | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> |
| 12.19 | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>4,933,000</u> |
| 12.20 | <u>Workforce</u> | |
| 12.21 | <u>Development</u> | <u>95,000</u> |
- 12.22 Of these amounts, \$1,269,000 each year is for
 12.23 transfer to the Minnesota Housing Finance
 12.24 Agency for operating the Olmstead
 12.25 Compliance Office.
- 12.26 **Subd. 5. Minnesota Trade Office** **2,242,000** **2,242,000**
- 12.27 (a) \$300,000 each year is for the STEP grants
 12.28 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979.
- 12.29 (b) \$180,000 each year is for the Invest
 12.30 Minnesota marketing initiative under
 12.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9781.
- 12.32 (c) \$270,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 12.33 Trade Offices under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.34 section 116J.978.

13.1	<u>Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation</u>	<u>41,691,000</u>	<u>41,691,000</u>
13.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
13.3	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
13.4	<u>General</u>	<u>33,861,000</u>	<u>33,861,000</u>
13.5	<u>Workforce</u>		
13.6	<u>Development</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>	<u>7,830,000</u>
13.7	<u>(a) \$16,800,000 each year is for the state's</u>		
13.8	<u>vocational rehabilitation program under</u>		
13.9	<u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.</u>		
13.10	<u>(b) \$11,495,000 each year from the general</u>		
13.11	<u>fund and \$6,830,000 each year from the</u>		
13.12	<u>workforce development fund are for extended</u>		
13.13	<u>employment services for persons with severe</u>		
13.14	<u>disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>		
13.15	<u>268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from</u>		
13.16	<u>the general fund, \$4,500,000 each year is for</u>		
13.17	<u>maintaining prior rate increases to providers</u>		
13.18	<u>of extended employment services for persons</u>		
13.19	<u>with severe disabilities under Minnesota</u>		
13.20	<u>Statutes, section 268A.15.</u>		
13.21	<u>(c) \$2,555,000 each year is for grants to</u>		
13.22	<u>programs that provide employment support</u>		
13.23	<u>services to persons with mental illness under</u>		
13.24	<u>Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and</u>		
13.25	<u>268A.14.</u>		
13.26	<u>(d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to</u>		
13.27	<u>centers for independent living under</u>		
13.28	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.</u>		
13.29	<u>(e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce</u>		
13.30	<u>development fund for grants under Minnesota</u>		
13.31	<u>Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment</u>		
13.32	<u>services for persons, including transition-age</u>		
13.33	<u>youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or</u>		
13.34	<u>hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year</u>		

14.1 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
 14.2 is available in the first year.

14.3 **Subd. 7. Services for the Blind** 8,425,000 8,425,000

14.4 Of these amounts, \$500,000 each year is for
 14.5 senior citizens who are becoming blind. At
 14.6 least one-half of the money for this purpose
 14.7 must be used to provide training services for
 14.8 seniors who are becoming blind. Training
 14.9 services must provide independent living skills
 14.10 to seniors who are becoming blind to allow
 14.11 them to continue to live independently in their
 14.12 homes.

14.13 **Subd. 8. Paid Leave** 40,544,000 5,000,000

14.14 This appropriation is from the family and
 14.15 medical benefit insurance account for the
 14.16 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268B.

14.17 **Sec. 3. EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM** \$ 17,032,000 \$ 17,032,000

14.18 Of these amounts, \$500,000 each year must
 14.19 be matched from nonstate sources to develop
 14.20 maximum private sector involvement in
 14.21 tourism. Each \$1 of state incentive must be
 14.22 matched with \$6 of private sector money.
 14.23 "Matched" means revenue to the state or
 14.24 documented in-kind, soft match, or cash
 14.25 expenditures directly expended to support
 14.26 Explore Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes,
 14.27 section 116U.05. The incentive in fiscal year
 14.28 2026 is based on fiscal year 2025 private
 14.29 sector contributions. The incentive in fiscal
 14.30 year 2027 is based on fiscal year 2026 private
 14.31 sector contributions. This incentive is ongoing.

14.32 **Sec. 4. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
 14.33 **INDUSTRY**

14.34 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** \$ 51,128,000 \$ 50,657,000

15.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.2		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
15.3	<u>General</u>	<u>9,160,000</u>	<u>9,179,000</u>
15.4	<u>Family and Medical</u>		
15.5	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>366,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
15.6	<u>Workers'</u>		
15.7	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>34,776,000</u>	<u>34,652,000</u>
15.8	<u>Workforce</u>		
15.9	<u>Development</u>	<u>6,826,000</u>	<u>6,826,000</u>
15.10	<u>The amounts that may be spent for each</u>		
15.11	<u>purpose are specified in the following</u>		
15.12	<u>subdivisions.</u>		
15.13	<u>Subd. 2. General Support</u>	<u>10,990,000</u>	<u>11,300,000</u>
15.14	<u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>		
15.15	<u>compensation fund.</u>		
15.16	<u>Subd. 3. Labor Standards</u>	<u>9,031,000</u>	<u>8,731,000</u>
15.17	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
15.18	<u>General</u>	<u>6,969,000</u>	<u>7,035,000</u>
15.19	<u>Family and Medical</u>		
15.20	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>366,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
15.21	<u>Workforce</u>		
15.22	<u>Development</u>	<u>1,696,000</u>	<u>1,696,000</u>
15.23	<u>(a) \$2,046,000 each year is for wage theft</u>		
15.24	<u>prevention.</u>		
15.25	<u>(b) \$1,696,000 each year is from the</u>		
15.26	<u>workforce development fund for prevailing</u>		
15.27	<u>wage enforcement.</u>		
15.28	<u>(c) \$355,000 each year is for education and</u>		
15.29	<u>training related to employee misclassification.</u>		
15.30	<u>(d) \$1,899,000 each year is for enforcement</u>		
15.31	<u>and other duties regarding earned sick and safe</u>		
15.32	<u>time under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 177,</u>		
15.33	<u>and sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.</u>		
15.34	<u>(e) \$134,000 each year is for outreach and</u>		
15.35	<u>enforcement efforts related to changes to the</u>		

16.1 nursing mothers, lactating employees, and
 16.2 pregnancy accommodations law under
 16.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

16.4 (f) \$169,000 each year is for the purposes of
 16.5 the Safe Workplaces for Meat and Poultry
 16.6 Processing Workers Act.

16.7 (g) \$141,000 each year is to inform and
 16.8 educate employers relating to Minnesota
 16.9 Statutes, section 181.960.

16.10 (h) \$123,000 each year is for the purposes of
 16.11 enforcement, education, and outreach
 16.12 regarding Minnesota Statutes, sections
 16.13 181C.02 and 181C.03.

16.14 (i) \$366,000 the first year and \$0 the second
 16.15 year are from the family and medical benefit
 16.16 insurance account for the purposes of
 16.17 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268B.

16.18 (j)(1) \$163,000 each year is for the
 16.19 misclassification fraud impact report and for
 16.20 legal, technical, and clerical staff support for
 16.21 the report. Amounts appropriated are available
 16.22 in either year and are available until June 30,
 16.23 2027.

16.24 (2) The commissioner of labor and industry
 16.25 may enter into interagency agreements with
 16.26 the commissioners of employment and
 16.27 economic development and revenue to transfer
 16.28 funds appropriated under clause (1) to cover
 16.29 costs associated with the misclassification
 16.30 fraud impact report.

16.31 Subd. 4. **Workers' Compensation** 15,725,000 15,725,000

16.32 This appropriation is from the workers'
 16.33 compensation fund.

17.1	<u>Subd. 5. Workplace Safety</u>		<u>8,061,000</u>	<u>7,627,000</u>
17.2	<u>This appropriation is from the workers'</u>			
17.3	<u>compensation fund.</u>			
17.4	<u>Subd. 6. Employment-Based Initiatives</u>		<u>2,404,000</u>	<u>2,404,000</u>
17.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
17.6		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	
17.7	<u>General</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,000</u>	
17.8	<u>Workforce</u>			
17.9	<u>Development</u>	<u>2,371,000</u>	<u>2,371,000</u>	
17.10	<u>(a) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce</u>			
17.11	<u>development fund for the dual-training</u>			
17.12	<u>pipeline program. Of this amount, \$200,000</u>			
17.13	<u>each year is for the identification of</u>			
17.14	<u>competency standards under Minnesota</u>			
17.15	<u>Statutes, section 175.45, for fields other than</u>			
17.16	<u>the legal cannabis industry.</u>			
17.17	<u>(b) \$33,000 each year is to identify</u>			
17.18	<u>occupational competency standards and</u>			
17.19	<u>provide technical assistance for developing</u>			
17.20	<u>dual-training programs under Minnesota</u>			
17.21	<u>Statutes, section 175.45, for the legal cannabis</u>			
17.22	<u>industry.</u>			
17.23	<u>(c) \$1,500,000 each year is from the workforce</u>			
17.24	<u>development fund for youth skills training</u>			
17.25	<u>grants under Minnesota Statutes, section</u>			
17.26	<u>175.46.</u>			
17.27	<u>(d) \$371,000 each year is from the workforce</u>			
17.28	<u>development fund for administration of the</u>			
17.29	<u>youth skills training grants program under</u>			
17.30	<u>Minnesota Statutes, section 175.46.</u>			
17.31	<u>Subd. 7. Combative Sports</u>		<u>254,000</u>	<u>254,000</u>
17.32	<u>Subd. 8. Apprenticeship</u>		<u>4,259,000</u>	<u>4,259,000</u>
17.33	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
17.34		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	

18.1	<u>General</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
18.2	<u>Workforce</u>		
18.3	<u>Development</u>	<u>2,759,000</u>	<u>2,759,000</u>
18.4	<u>(a) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce</u>		
18.5	<u>development fund for labor education and</u>		
18.6	<u>advancement program grants under Minnesota</u>		
18.7	<u>Statutes, section 178.11.</u>		
18.8	<u>(b) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce</u>		
18.9	<u>development fund for grants to Building</u>		
18.10	<u>Strong Communities, Inc. for the Helmets to</u>		
18.11	<u>Hardhats Minnesota initiative. Grant money</u>		
18.12	<u>must be used to recruit, retain, assist, and</u>		
18.13	<u>support National Guard, reserve, and active</u>		
18.14	<u>duty military members' and veterans'</u>		
18.15	<u>participation in apprenticeship programs</u>		
18.16	<u>registered with the Department of Labor and</u>		
18.17	<u>Industry and connect service members and</u>		
18.18	<u>veterans with career training and employment</u>		
18.19	<u>in the building and construction industry. The</u>		
18.20	<u>recruitment, selection, employment, and</u>		
18.21	<u>training must be without discrimination due</u>		
18.22	<u>to race, color, creed, religion, national origin,</u>		
18.23	<u>sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical</u>		
18.24	<u>or mental disability, receipt of public</u>		
18.25	<u>assistance, or age.</u>		
18.26	<u>(c) \$1,500,000 each year is for a registered</u>		
18.27	<u>teacher apprenticeship competitive grant</u>		
18.28	<u>program. Funds must be awarded through a</u>		
18.29	<u>competitive request for proposal process.</u>		
18.30	<u>Grant awards must be used to establish,</u>		
18.31	<u>administer, and operationalize registered</u>		
18.32	<u>teacher apprenticeship programs and joint</u>		
18.33	<u>apprenticeship training committees statewide</u>		
18.34	<u>in accordance with the requirements of</u>		

- 19.1 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 178. Grant money
19.2 may be used to:
- 19.3 (1) fund personnel costs;
19.4 (2) design and update related instruction for
19.5 the programs in coordination with teacher
19.6 preparation providers approved by the
19.7 Professional Educators Licensing and
19.8 Standards Board;
- 19.9 (3) purchase equipment, training materials,
19.10 and software licenses for apprentice tracking
19.11 systems for the programs;
- 19.12 (4) fund marketing costs associated with the
19.13 recruitment of signatory school districts,
19.14 journeyworker teachers, and apprentices; and
- 19.15 (5) fund subawards to signatory school
19.16 districts to offset costs for participation in the
19.17 program. Subawards may be used for:
- 19.18 (i) apprentice tuition, scholarships, and other
19.19 supportive services; and
- 19.20 (ii) journeyworker teacher stipends.
- 19.21 Grant money may not be used to pay for
19.22 apprentice wages and registered apprentices
19.23 must not incur any cost for their participation
19.24 in the apprenticeship programs.
- 19.25 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
19.26 payments under clause (5) must not be
19.27 considered income, assets, or personal
19.28 property for purposes of determining eligibility
19.29 or recertifying eligibility for aid authorized by
19.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 136A.1465.
- 19.31 By January 15 every year, beginning in 2028,
19.32 the commissioner must report to the legislative
19.33 committees with jurisdiction over kindergarten

20.1 through grade 12 education, higher education,
20.2 labor, and workforce development on how
20.3 teacher apprenticeship program funding was
20.4 used and recommendations for statutory or
20.5 rule changes to facilitate program
20.6 improvement and expansion of teacher
20.7 apprenticeship programs as a pathway to
20.8 teacher licensure.

20.9	<u>Subd. 9. Nursing Home Workforce Standards</u>		
20.10	<u>Board</u>	<u>404,000</u>	<u>357,000</u>

20.11	Sec. 5. <u>BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES</u>	<u>\$ 3,775,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,775,000</u>
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20.12 Of these amounts, \$751,000 each year is for
20.13 purposes of the Public Employment Relations
20.14 Board under Minnesota Statutes, section
20.15 179A.041.

20.16	Sec. 6. <u>WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT</u>		
20.17	<u>OF APPEALS</u>	<u>\$ 2,962,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,895,000</u>

20.18 This appropriation is from the workers'
20.19 compensation fund.

20.20	Sec. 7. <u>DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,</u>		
20.21	<u>YOUTH, AND FAMILIES</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>

20.22 \$250,000 each year is for child care
20.23 improvement grants under Minnesota Statutes,
20.24 section 142D.20, subdivision 3, paragraph (a),
20.25 clause (7). Notwithstanding Minnesota
20.26 Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 14, the
20.27 amount for administrative costs under these
20.28 appropriations is \$0.

20.29 **ARTICLE 2**
20.30 **APPROPRIATION MODIFICATIONS**

20.31 Section 1. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
20.32 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 6, is amended to read:

20.33	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	195,061,000	139,104,000
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21.1	Appropriations by Fund		
21.2	General	193,011,000	137,054,000
21.3	Remediation	700,000	700,000
21.4	Workforce		
21.5	Development	1,350,000	1,350,000

21.6 (a) \$2,287,000 each year is for the greater
21.7 Minnesota business development public
21.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
21.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
21.10 is available until June 30, 2027.

21.11 (b) \$500,000 each year is for grants to small
21.12 business development centers under Minnesota
21.13 Statutes, section 116J.68. Money made
21.14 available under this paragraph may be used to
21.15 match funds under the federal Small Business
21.16 Development Center (SBDC) program under
21.17 United States Code, title 15, section 648, to
21.18 provide consulting and technical services or
21.19 to build additional SBDC network capacity to
21.20 serve entrepreneurs and small businesses.

21.21 (c) \$2,500,000 the first year is for Launch
21.22 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.
21.23 Of this amount:

21.24 (1) \$1,500,000 is for innovation grants to
21.25 eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or start-up
21.26 businesses to assist with their operating needs;

21.27 (2) \$500,000 is for administration of Launch
21.28 Minnesota; and

21.29 (3) \$500,000 is for grantee activities at Launch
21.30 Minnesota.

21.31 (d)(1) \$500,000 each year is for grants to
21.32 MNSBIR, Inc., to support moving scientific
21.33 excellence and technological innovation from
21.34 the lab to the market for start-ups and small

22.1 businesses by securing federal research and
22.2 development funding. The purpose of the grant
22.3 is to build a strong Minnesota economy and
22.4 stimulate the creation of novel products,
22.5 services, and solutions in the private sector;
22.6 strengthen the role of small business in
22.7 meeting federal research and development
22.8 needs; increase the commercial application of
22.9 federally supported research results; and
22.10 develop and increase the Minnesota
22.11 workforce, especially by fostering and
22.12 encouraging participation by small businesses
22.13 owned by women and people who are Black,
22.14 Indigenous, or people of color. This is a
22.15 onetime appropriation.

22.16 (2) MNSBIR, Inc., shall use the grant money
22.17 to be the dedicated resource for federal
22.18 research and development for small businesses
22.19 of up to 500 employees statewide to support
22.20 research and commercialization of novel ideas,
22.21 concepts, and projects into cutting-edge
22.22 products and services for worldwide economic
22.23 impact. MNSBIR, Inc., shall use grant money
22.24 to:

22.25 (i) assist small businesses in securing federal
22.26 research and development funding, including
22.27 the Small Business Innovation Research and
22.28 Small Business Technology Transfer programs
22.29 and other federal research and development
22.30 funding opportunities;

22.31 (ii) support technology transfer and
22.32 commercialization from the University of
22.33 Minnesota, Mayo Clinic, and federal
22.34 laboratories;

22.35 (iii) partner with large businesses;

- 23.1 (iv) conduct statewide outreach, education,
23.2 and training on federal rules, regulations, and
23.3 requirements;
- 23.4 (v) assist with scientific and technical writing;
- 23.5 (vi) help manage federal grants and contracts;
23.6 and
- 23.7 (vii) support cost accounting and sole-source
23.8 procurement opportunities.
- 23.9 (e) \$10,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
23.10 the Minnesota Expanding Opportunity Fund
23.11 Program special revenue account under
23.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8733. This
23.13 is a onetime ~~appropriation~~ transfer and is
23.14 available until June 30, 2025.
- 23.15 (f) \$6,425,000 each year is for the small
23.16 business assistance partnerships program
23.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.682.
23.18 All grant awards shall be for two consecutive
23.19 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
23.20 The department may use up to five percent of
23.21 the appropriation for administrative purposes.
23.22 The base for this appropriation is \$2,725,000
23.23 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
- 23.24 (g) \$350,000 each year is for administration
23.25 of the community energy transition office.
- 23.26 (h) \$5,000,000 each year is transferred from
23.27 the general fund to the community energy
23.28 transition account for grants under Minnesota
23.29 Statutes, section 116J.55. This is a onetime
23.30 transfer.
- 23.31 (i) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
23.32 site cleanup and development grants under
23.33 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to

24.1 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
24.2 expended.

24.3 (j) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
24.4 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
24.5 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
24.6 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
24.7 appropriation is available until expended.

24.8 (k) \$389,000 each year is for the Center for
24.9 Rural Policy and Development. The base for
24.10 this appropriation is \$139,000 in fiscal year
24.11 2026 and each year thereafter.

24.12 (l) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
24.13 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
24.14 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
24.15 469.47.

24.16 (m) \$875,000 each year is for the host
24.17 community economic development program
24.18 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
24.19 116J.548.

24.20 (n) \$6,500,000 each year is for grants to local
24.21 communities to increase the number of quality
24.22 child care providers to support economic
24.23 development. Fifty percent of grant money
24.24 must go to communities located outside the
24.25 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in
24.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
24.27 subdivision 2. The base for this appropriation
24.28 is \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
24.29 thereafter.

24.30 Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
24.31 nonstate match to grant money in either cash
24.32 or in-kind contribution, unless the
24.33 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
24.34 money available under this subdivision must

25.1 be used to implement projects to reduce the
25.2 child care shortage in the state, including but
25.3 not limited to funding for child care business
25.4 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
25.5 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
25.6 to retain employees, or improvements required
25.7 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
25.8 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
25.9 grants, the commissioner must give priority
25.10 to communities that have demonstrated a
25.11 shortage of child care providers.

25.12 Within one year of receiving grant money,
25.13 grant recipients must report to the
25.14 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
25.15 program, including but not limited to the
25.16 number of new providers, the number of
25.17 additional child care provider jobs created, the
25.18 number of additional child care openings, and
25.19 the amount of cash and in-kind local money
25.20 invested. Within one month of all grant
25.21 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
25.22 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
25.23 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
25.24 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
25.25 over early learning and child care and
25.26 economic development.

25.27 (o) \$500,000 each year is for the Office of
25.28 Child Care Community Partnerships. Of this
25.29 amount:

25.30 (1) \$450,000 each year is for administration
25.31 of the Office of Child Care Community
25.32 Partnerships; and

25.33 (2) \$50,000 each year is for the Labor Market
25.34 Information Office to conduct research and
25.35 analysis related to the child care industry.

26.1 (p) \$3,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
26.2 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
26.3 Foundations. This appropriation is available
26.4 until June 30, 2027. The base for this
26.5 appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026
26.6 and each year thereafter. The Minnesota
26.7 Initiative Foundations must use grant money
26.8 under this section to:

26.9 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
26.10 communities resulting in a community solution
26.11 action plan that guides decision making to
26.12 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
26.13 care in the region to support economic
26.14 development;

26.15 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
26.16 resources to support the community solution
26.17 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
26.18 vital component of additional regional
26.19 economic development planning processes;

26.20 (3) provide locally based training and technical
26.21 assistance to rural business owners
26.22 individually or through a learning cohort.
26.23 Access to financial and business development
26.24 assistance must prepare child care businesses
26.25 for quality engagement and improvement by
26.26 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
26.27 other sources, and fostering business acumen
26.28 that allows child care businesses to plan for
26.29 and afford the cost of providing quality child
26.30 care; and

26.31 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
26.32 in quality rating and improvement
26.33 measurement programs. The Minnesota
26.34 Initiative Foundations must work with local
26.35 partners to provide low-cost training,

27.1 professional development opportunities, and
27.2 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
27.3 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
27.4 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
27.5 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
27.6 rating through measurement programs.

27.7 (q) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
27.8 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
27.9 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
27.10 commissioner of employment and economic
27.11 development may use up to three percent for
27.12 administrative expenses. This appropriation
27.13 is available until expended. Notwithstanding
27.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, money
27.15 appropriated for the job creation fund may be
27.16 used for redevelopment under Minnesota
27.17 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
27.18 the discretion of the commissioner.

27.19 (r) \$12,370,000 each year is for the Minnesota
27.20 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
27.21 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
27.22 commissioner of employment and economic
27.23 development may use up to three percent for
27.24 administration and monitoring of the program.
27.25 This appropriation is available until expended.
27.26 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
27.27 116J.8731, money appropriated to the
27.28 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
27.29 fund may be used for the redevelopment
27.30 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
27.31 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of
27.32 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
27.33 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
27.34 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

28.1 (s) \$4,246,000 each year is for the
28.2 redevelopment program under Minnesota
28.3 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761.
28.4 The base for this appropriation is \$2,246,000
28.5 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.
28.6 This appropriation is available until expended.

28.7 (t) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
28.8 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
28.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Money
28.10 available under this paragraph is for transfer
28.11 into the emerging entrepreneur program
28.12 special revenue fund account created under
28.13 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
28.14 available until expended. Of this amount, up
28.15 to four percent is for administration and
28.16 monitoring of the program.

28.17 (u) \$325,000 the first year is for the Minnesota
28.18 Film and TV Board. The appropriation is
28.19 available only upon receipt by the board of \$1
28.20 in matching contributions of money or in-kind
28.21 contributions from nonstate sources for every
28.22 \$3 provided by this appropriation, except that
28.23 up to \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if
28.24 the required matching contribution has not
28.25 been received by that date. This is a onetime
28.26 appropriation.

28.27 (v) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
28.28 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

28.29 (w) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to the
28.30 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film
28.31 production jobs program under Minnesota
28.32 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation
28.33 is available until June 30, 2027. This is a
28.34 onetime appropriation.

29.1 (x) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
29.2 job skills partnership program under
29.3 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
29.4 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
29.5 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
29.6 year is available. This appropriation is
29.7 available until expended.

29.8 (y) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
29.9 development fund is for jobs training grants
29.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.

29.11 (z) \$47,475,000 the first year and \$50,475,000
29.12 the second year are for the PROMISE grant
29.13 program. This is a onetime appropriation and
29.14 is available until June 30, 2027. Any
29.15 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
29.16 of the first year does not cancel but is available
29.17 the second year. Of this amount:

29.18 (1) \$475,000 each year is for administration
29.19 of the PROMISE grant program;

29.20 (2) \$7,500,000 each year is for grants in equal
29.21 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
29.22 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
29.23 Minnesota. Of this amount, \$600,000 each
29.24 year is for grants to businesses with less than
29.25 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year; and

29.26 (3) \$39,500,000 the first year and \$42,500,000
29.27 the second year are for grants to the
29.28 Neighborhood Development Center. Of this
29.29 amount, the following amounts are designated
29.30 for the following areas:

29.31 (i) \$16,000,000 each year is for North
29.32 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
29.33 other Northside neighborhoods. Of this
29.34 amount, \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to

30.1 businesses with less than \$100,000 in revenue
30.2 in the prior year;

30.3 (ii) ~~\$13,500,000~~ \$12,500,000 each year is for
30.4 South Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and
30.5 Chicago, Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside
30.6 corridors. Of this amount, \$750,000 each year
30.7 is for grants to businesses with less than
30.8 \$100,000 in revenue in the prior year;

30.9 (iii) \$10,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
30.10 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
30.11 St. Paul neighborhoods. Of this amount,
30.12 \$750,000 each year is for grants to businesses
30.13 with less than \$100,000 in revenue in the prior
30.14 year;

30.15 (iv) \$1,000,000 the first year is for South
30.16 Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue Commercial
30.17 corridor, South Hennepin Community
30.18 corridor, and Uptown Special Service District;
30.19 and

30.20 (v) \$3,000,000 the second year is for grants
30.21 to businesses in the counties of Anoka, Carver,
30.22 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and
30.23 Washington, excluding the cities of
30.24 Minneapolis and St. Paul.

30.25 (aa) \$15,150,000 each year is for the
30.26 PROMISE loan program. This is a onetime
30.27 appropriation and is available until June 30,
30.28 2027. Of this amount:

30.29 (1) \$150,000 each year is for administration
30.30 of the PROMISE loan program;

30.31 (2) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants in equal
30.32 amounts to each of the Minnesota Initiative
30.33 Foundations to serve businesses in greater
30.34 Minnesota; and

31.1 (3) \$12,000,000 each year is for grants to the
31.2 Metropolitan Economic Development
31.3 Association (MEDA). Of this amount, the
31.4 following amounts are designated for the
31.5 following areas:

31.6 (i) \$4,500,000 each year is for North
31.7 Minneapolis' West Broadway, Camden, or
31.8 other Northside neighborhoods;

31.9 (ii) \$4,500,000 each year is for South
31.10 Minneapolis' Lake Street, 38th and Chicago,
31.11 Franklin, Nicollet, and Riverside corridors;
31.12 and

31.13 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for St. Paul's
31.14 University Avenue, Midway, Eastside, or other
31.15 St. Paul neighborhoods.

31.16 (bb) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
31.17 Metropolitan Consortium of Community
31.18 Developers for the community wealth-building
31.19 grant program pilot project. Of this amount,
31.20 up to two percent is for administration and
31.21 monitoring of the community wealth-building
31.22 grant program pilot project. This is a onetime
31.23 appropriation.

31.24 (cc) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
31.25 dissemination, and use of labor market
31.26 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
31.27 116J.401.

31.28 (dd) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
31.29 the Bloomington Port Authority to provide
31.30 funding for the Expo 2027 host organization.
31.31 The Bloomington Port Authority must enter
31.32 into an agreement with the host organization
31.33 over the use of money, which may be used for
31.34 activities, including but not limited to

32.1 finalizing the community dossier and staffing
32.2 the host organization and for infrastructure
32.3 design and planning, financial modeling,
32.4 development planning and coordination of
32.5 both real estate and public private partnerships,
32.6 and reimbursement of costs the Bloomington
32.7 Port Authority incurred. In selecting vendors
32.8 and exhibitors for Expo 2027, the host
32.9 organization shall prioritize outreach to,
32.10 collaboration with, and inclusion of businesses
32.11 that are majority owned by people of color,
32.12 women, and people with disabilities. The host
32.13 organization and Bloomington Port Authority
32.14 may be reimbursed for expenses 90 days prior
32.15 to encumbrance. This appropriation is
32.16 contingent on approval of the project by the
32.17 Bureau International des Expositions. If the
32.18 project is not approved by the Bureau
32.19 International des Expositions, the money shall
32.20 transfer to the Minnesota investment fund
32.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.
32.22 Any unencumbered balance remaining at the
32.23 end of the first year does not cancel but is
32.24 available for the second year.

32.25 (ee) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
32.26 the Neighborhood Development Center for
32.27 small business programs, including training,
32.28 lending, business services, and real estate
32.29 programming; small business incubator
32.30 development in the Twin Cities and outside
32.31 the seven-county metropolitan area; and
32.32 technical assistance activities for partners
32.33 outside the seven-county metropolitan area;
32.34 and for high-risk, character-based loan capital
32.35 for nonrecourse loans. This is a onetime
32.36 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance

33.1 remaining at the end of the first year does not
33.2 cancel but is available for the second year.

33.3 (ff) \$5,000,000 the first year is for transfer to
33.4 the emerging developer fund account in the
33.5 special revenue fund. Of this amount, up to
33.6 five percent is for administration and
33.7 monitoring of the emerging developer fund
33.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.9 116J.9926, and the remainder is for a grant to
33.10 the Local Initiatives Support Corporation -
33.11 Twin Cities to serve as a partner organization
33.12 under the program. This is a onetime
33.13 appropriation.

33.14 (gg) \$5,000,000 the first year is for the
33.15 Canadian border counties economic relief
33.16 program under article 5. Of this amount, up
33.17 to \$1,000,000 is for Tribal economic
33.18 development and \$2,100,000 is for a grant to
33.19 Lake of the Woods County for the forgivable
33.20 loan program for remote recreational
33.21 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation
33.22 and is available until June 30, 2026.

33.23 (hh) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
33.24 African Economic Development Solutions.
33.25 This is a onetime appropriation and is
33.26 available until June 30, 2026. Of this amount:

33.27 (1) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that
33.28 must address pervasive economic inequities
33.29 by supporting business ventures of
33.30 entrepreneurs in the African immigrant
33.31 community; and

33.32 (2) \$250,000 each year is for workforce
33.33 development and technical assistance,
33.34 including but not limited to business

34.1 development, entrepreneur training, business
34.2 technical assistance, loan packing, and
34.3 community development services.

34.4 (ii) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
34.5 Latino Economic Development Center. This
34.6 is a onetime appropriation and is available
34.7 until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

34.8 (1) \$750,000 each year is to assist, support,
34.9 finance, and launch microentrepreneurs by
34.10 delivering training, workshops, and
34.11 one-on-one consultations to businesses; and

34.12 (2) \$750,000 each year is to guide prospective
34.13 entrepreneurs in their start-up process by
34.14 introducing them to key business concepts,
34.15 including business start-up readiness. Grant
34.16 proceeds must be used to offer workshops on
34.17 a variety of topics throughout the year,
34.18 including finance, customer service,
34.19 food-handler training, and food-safety
34.20 certification. Grant proceeds may also be used
34.21 to provide lending to business startups.

34.22 (jj) \$627,000 the first year is for a grant to
34.23 Community and Economic Development
34.24 Associates (CEDA) to provide funding for
34.25 economic development technical assistance
34.26 and economic development project grants to
34.27 small communities across rural Minnesota and
34.28 for CEDA to design, implement, market, and
34.29 administer specific types of basic community
34.30 and economic development programs tailored
34.31 to individual community needs. Technical
34.32 assistance grants shall be based on need and
34.33 given to communities that are otherwise
34.34 unable to afford these services. Of the amount
34.35 appropriated, up to \$270,000 may be used for

35.1 economic development project implementation
35.2 in conjunction with the technical assistance
35.3 received. This is a onetime appropriation. Any
35.4 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
35.5 of the first year does not cancel but is available
35.6 the second year.

35.7 (kk) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
35.8 WomenVenture to:

35.9 (1) support child care providers through
35.10 business training and shared services programs
35.11 and to create materials that could be used, free
35.12 of charge, for start-up, expansion, and
35.13 operation of child care businesses statewide,
35.14 with the goal of helping new and existing child
35.15 care businesses in underserved areas of the
35.16 state become profitable and sustainable; and

35.17 (2) support business expansion for women
35.18 food entrepreneurs throughout Minnesota's
35.19 food supply chain to help stabilize and
35.20 strengthen their business operations, create
35.21 distribution networks, offer technical
35.22 assistance and support to beginning women
35.23 food entrepreneurs, develop business plans,
35.24 develop a workforce, research expansion
35.25 strategies, and for other related activities.

35.26 Eligible uses of the money include but are not
35.27 limited to:

35.28 (i) leasehold improvements;

35.29 (ii) additions, alterations, remodeling, or
35.30 renovations to rented space;

35.31 (iii) inventory or supplies;

35.32 (iv) machinery or equipment purchases;

35.33 (v) working capital; and

36.1 (vi) debt refinancing.

36.2 Money distributed to entrepreneurs may be
36.3 loans, forgivable loans, and grants. Of this
36.4 amount, up to five percent may be used for
36.5 the WomenVenture's technical assistance and
36.6 administrative costs. This is a onetime
36.7 appropriation and is available until June 30,
36.8 2026.

36.9 By December 15, 2026, WomenVenture must
36.10 submit a report to the chairs and ranking
36.11 minority members of the legislative
36.12 committees with jurisdiction over agriculture
36.13 and employment and economic development.
36.14 The report must include a summary of the uses
36.15 of the appropriation, including the amount of
36.16 the appropriation used for administration. The
36.17 report must also provide a breakdown of the
36.18 amount of funding used for loans, forgivable
36.19 loans, and grants; information about the terms
36.20 of the loans issued; a discussion of how money
36.21 from repaid loans will be used; the number of
36.22 entrepreneurs assisted; and a breakdown of
36.23 how many entrepreneurs received assistance
36.24 in each county.

36.25 (ll) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
36.26 African Career, Education, and Resource, Inc.,
36.27 for operational infrastructure and technical
36.28 assistance to small businesses. This
36.29 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.

36.30 (mm) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant
36.31 to the African Development Center to provide
36.32 loans to purchase commercial real estate and
36.33 to expand organizational infrastructure. This
36.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
36.35 Of this amount:

37.1 (1) \$2,800,000 is for loans to purchase
37.2 commercial real estate targeted at African
37.3 immigrant small business owners;

37.4 (2) \$364,000 is for loan loss reserves to
37.5 support loan volume growth and attract
37.6 additional capital;

37.7 (3) \$836,000 is for increasing organizational
37.8 capacity;

37.9 (4) \$300,000 is for the safe 2 eat project of
37.10 inclusive assistance with required restaurant
37.11 licensing examinations; and

37.12 (5) \$700,000 is for a center for community
37.13 resources for language and technology
37.14 assistance for small businesses.

37.15 (nn) \$7,000,000 the first year is for grants to
37.16 the Minnesota Initiative Foundations to
37.17 capitalize their revolving loan funds, which
37.18 address unmet financing needs of for-profit
37.19 business start-ups, expansions, and ownership
37.20 transitions; nonprofit organizations; and
37.21 developers of housing to support the
37.22 construction, rehabilitation, and conversion
37.23 of housing units. Of the amount appropriated:

37.24 (1) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southwest
37.25 Initiative Foundation;

37.26 (2) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the West
37.27 Central Initiative Foundation;

37.28 (3) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Southern
37.29 Minnesota Initiative Foundation;

37.30 (4) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northwest
37.31 Minnesota Foundation;

37.32 (5) \$2,000,000 is for a grant to the Initiative
37.33 Foundation of which \$1,000,000 is for

38.1 redevelopment of the St. Cloud Youth and
38.2 Family Center; and

38.3 (6) \$1,000,000 is for a grant to the Northland
38.4 Foundation.

38.5 (oo) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
38.6 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., to reach and
38.7 deliver talent, leadership, employee retention,
38.8 continuous improvement, strategy, quality
38.9 management systems, revenue growth, and
38.10 manufacturing peer-to-peer advisory services
38.11 to small manufacturing companies employing
38.12 35 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

38.13 This is a onetime appropriation. No later than
38.14 February 1, 2025, and February 1, 2026,
38.15 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., must provide a
38.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority
38.17 members of the legislative committees with
38.18 jurisdiction over economic development that
38.19 includes:

38.20 (1) the grants awarded during the past 12
38.21 months;

38.22 (2) the estimated financial impact of the grants
38.23 awarded to each company receiving services
38.24 under the program;

38.25 (3) the actual financial impact of grants
38.26 awarded during the past 24 months; and

38.27 (4) the total amount of federal funds leveraged
38.28 from the Manufacturing Extension Partnership
38.29 at the United States Department of Commerce.

38.30 (pp) \$375,000 each year is for a grant to
38.31 PFund Foundation to provide grants to
38.32 LGBTQ+-owned small businesses and
38.33 entrepreneurs. Of this amount, up to five
38.34 percent may be used for PFund Foundation's

39.1 technical assistance and administrative costs.

39.2 This is a onetime appropriation and is
39.3 available until June 30, 2026. To the extent
39.4 practicable, money must be distributed by
39.5 PFund Foundation as follows:

39.6 (1) at least 33.3 percent to businesses owned
39.7 by members of racial minority communities;
39.8 and

39.9 (2) at least 33.3 percent to businesses outside
39.10 of the seven-county metropolitan area as
39.11 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
39.12 473.121, subdivision 2.

39.13 (qq) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to
39.14 Quorum to provide business support, training,
39.15 development, technical assistance, and related
39.16 activities for LGBTQ+-owned small
39.17 businesses that are recipients of a PFund
39.18 Foundation grant. Of this amount, up to five
39.19 percent may be used for Quorum's technical
39.20 assistance and administrative costs. This is a
39.21 onetime appropriation and is available until
39.22 June 30, 2026.

39.23 (rr) \$5,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
39.24 the Metropolitan Economic Development
39.25 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
39.26 development and assistance services to
39.27 minority-owned businesses. This is a onetime
39.28 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
39.29 remaining at the end of the first year does not
39.30 cancel but is available the second year. Of this
39.31 amount:

39.32 (1) \$3,000,000 is for a revolving loan fund to
39.33 provide additional minority-owned businesses
39.34 with access to capital; and

40.1 (2) \$2,000,000 is for operating support
40.2 activities related to business development and
40.3 assistance services for minority business
40.4 enterprises.

40.5 By February 1, 2025, MEDA shall report to
40.6 the commissioner and the chairs and ranking
40.7 minority members of the legislative
40.8 committees with jurisdiction over economic
40.9 development policy and finance on the loans
40.10 and operating support activities, including
40.11 outcomes and expenditures, supported by the
40.12 appropriation under this paragraph.

40.13 (ss) \$2,500,000 each year is for a grant to a
40.14 Minnesota-based automotive component
40.15 manufacturer and distributor specializing in
40.16 electric vehicles and sensor technology that
40.17 manufactures all of their parts onshore to
40.18 expand their manufacturing. The grant
40.19 recipient under this paragraph shall submit
40.20 reports on the uses of the money appropriated,
40.21 the number of jobs created due to the
40.22 appropriation, wage information, and the city
40.23 and state in which the additional
40.24 manufacturing activity was located to the
40.25 chairs and ranking minority members of the
40.26 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
40.27 economic development. An initial report shall
40.28 be submitted by December 15, 2023, and a
40.29 final report is due by December 15, 2025. This
40.30 is a onetime appropriation.

40.31 (tt)(1) \$125,000 each year is for grants to the
40.32 Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota to
40.33 support the growth and expansion of small
40.34 businesses statewide. Funds may be used for

41.1 the cost of programming, outreach, staffing,
41.2 and supplies. This is a onetime appropriation.

41.3 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Latino Chamber
41.4 of Commerce Minnesota must submit a report
41.5 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
41.6 over economic development that details the
41.7 use of grant funds and the grant's economic
41.8 impact.

41.9 (uu) \$175,000 the first year is for a grant to
41.10 the city of South St. Paul to study options for
41.11 repurposing the 1927 American Legion
41.12 Memorial Library after the property is no
41.13 longer used as a library. This appropriation is
41.14 available until the project is completed or
41.15 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
41.16 section 16A.642.

41.17 (vv) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
41.18 LatinoLEAD for organizational
41.19 capacity-building.

41.20 (ww) \$80,000 the first year is for a grant to
41.21 the Neighborhood Development Center for
41.22 small business competitive grants to software
41.23 companies working to improve employee
41.24 engagement and workplace culture and to
41.25 reduce turnover.

41.26 (xx)(1) \$3,000,000 in the first year is for a
41.27 grant to the Center for Economic Inclusion for
41.28 strategic, data-informed investments in job
41.29 creation strategies that respond to the needs
41.30 of underserved populations statewide. This
41.31 may include forgivable loans, revenue-based
41.32 financing, and equity investments for
41.33 entrepreneurs with barriers to growth. Of this
41.34 amount, up to five percent may be used for

42.1 the center's technical assistance and

42.2 administrative costs. This appropriation is

42.3 available until June 30, 2025.

42.4 (2) By January 15, 2026, the Center for

42.5 Economic Inclusion shall submit a report on

42.6 the use of grant funds, including any loans

42.7 made, to the legislative committees with

42.8 jurisdiction over economic development.

42.9 (yy) \$500,000 the first year is for a grant to

42.10 the Asian Economic Development Association

42.11 for asset building and financial empowerment

42.12 for entrepreneurs and small business owners,

42.13 small business development and technical

42.14 assistance, and cultural placemaking. This is

42.15 a onetime appropriation.

42.16 (zz) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to

42.17 Isuroon to support primarily African

42.18 immigrant women with entrepreneurial

42.19 training to start, manage, and grow

42.20 self-sustaining microbusinesses, develop

42.21 incubator space for these businesses, and

42.22 provide support with financial and language

42.23 literacy, systems navigation to eliminate

42.24 capital access disparities, marketing, and other

42.25 technical assistance. This is a onetime

42.26 appropriation.

42.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively to July 1, 2023.

42.28 Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 3, as amended by Laws

42.29 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

42.30 Subd. 3. **Employment and Training Programs** 112,038,000 104,499,000

42.31 Appropriations by Fund

42.32 2024 2025

43.1	General	91,036,000	83,497,000
43.2	Workforce		
43.3	Development	21,002,000	21,002,000

43.4 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund
43.5 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce
43.6 development fund are for rural career
43.7 counseling coordinators in the workforce
43.8 service areas and for the purposes specified
43.9 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

43.10 (b) \$25,000,000 each year is for the targeted
43.11 population workforce grants under Minnesota
43.12 Statutes, section 116L.43. The department
43.13 may use up to five percent of this
43.14 appropriation for administration, monitoring,
43.15 and oversight of the program. Of this amount:

43.16 (1) \$18,500,000 each year is for job and
43.17 entrepreneurial skills training grants under
43.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
43.19 subdivision 2;

43.20 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for diversity and
43.21 inclusion training for small employers under
43.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.43,
43.23 subdivision 3; and

43.24 (3) \$5,000,000 each year is for capacity
43.25 building grants under Minnesota Statutes,
43.26 section 116L.43, subdivision 4.

43.27 The base for this appropriation is \$1,275,000
43.28 in fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

43.29 (c) \$750,000 each year is for the women and
43.30 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs
43.31 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
43.32 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five
43.33 percent is for administration and monitoring
43.34 of the program.

44.1 (d) \$10,000,000 each year is for the Drive for
44.2 Five Initiative to conduct outreach and provide
44.3 job skills training, career counseling, case
44.4 management, and supportive services for
44.5 careers in (1) technology, (2) labor, (3) the
44.6 caring professions, (4) manufacturing, and (5)
44.7 educational and professional services. This is
44.8 a onetime appropriation.

44.9 (e) Of the amounts appropriated in paragraph
44.10 (d), the commissioner must make \$7,000,000
44.11 each year available through a competitive
44.12 request for proposal process. The grant awards
44.13 must be used to provide education and training
44.14 in the five industries identified in paragraph
44.15 (d). Education and training may include:

44.16 (1) student tutoring and testing support
44.17 services;

44.18 (2) training and employment placement in high
44.19 wage and high growth employment;

44.20 (3) assistance in obtaining industry-specific
44.21 certifications;

44.22 (4) remedial training leading to enrollment in
44.23 employment training programs or services;

44.24 (5) real-time work experience;

44.25 (6) career and educational counseling;

44.26 (7) work experience and internships; and

44.27 (8) supportive services.

44.28 (f) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
44.29 (d), \$2,000,000 each year must be awarded
44.30 through competitive grants made to trade
44.31 associations or chambers of commerce for job
44.32 placement services. Grant awards must be used
44.33 to encourage workforce training efforts to

45.1 ensure that efforts are aligned with employer
45.2 demands and that graduates are connected with
45.3 employers that are currently hiring. Trade
45.4 associations or chambers must partner with
45.5 employers with current or anticipated
45.6 employment opportunities and nonprofit
45.7 workforce training partners participating in
45.8 this program. The trade associations or
45.9 chambers must work closely with the industry
45.10 sector training providers in the five industries
45.11 identified in paragraph (d). Grant awards may
45.12 be used for:

45.13 (1) employer engagement strategies to align
45.14 employment opportunities for individuals
45.15 exiting workforce development training
45.16 programs. These strategies may include
45.17 business recruitment, job opening
45.18 development, employee recruitment, and job
45.19 matching. Trade associations must utilize the
45.20 state's labor exchange system;

45.21 (2) diversity, inclusion, and retention training
45.22 of their members to increase the business'
45.23 understanding of welcoming and retaining a
45.24 diverse workforce; and

45.25 (3) industry-specific training.

45.26 (g) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph
45.27 (d), \$1,000,000 each year is to hire, train, and
45.28 deploy business services representatives in
45.29 local workforce development areas throughout
45.30 the state. Business services representatives
45.31 must work with an assigned local workforce
45.32 development area to address the hiring needs
45.33 of Minnesota's businesses by connecting job
45.34 seekers and program participants in the
45.35 CareerForce system. Business services

46.1 representatives serve in the classified service
46.2 of the state and operate as part of the agency's
46.3 Employment and Training Office. The
46.4 commissioner shall develop and implement
46.5 training materials and reporting and evaluation
46.6 procedures for the activities of the business
46.7 services representatives. The business services
46.8 representatives must:

46.9 (1) serve as the primary contact for businesses
46.10 in that area;

46.11 (2) actively engage employers by assisting
46.12 with matching employers to job seekers by
46.13 referring candidates, convening job fairs, and
46.14 assisting with job announcements; and

46.15 (3) work with the local area board and its
46.16 partners to identify candidates for openings in
46.17 small and midsize companies in the local area.

46.18 (h) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund
46.19 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce
46.20 development fund are for the pathways to
46.21 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this
46.22 amount, up to five percent is for administration
46.23 and monitoring of the program.

46.24 (i) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
46.25 development fund for current Minnesota
46.26 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
46.27 appropriation shall be divided equally among
46.28 the eligible centers.

46.29 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
46.30 grants to organizations providing services to
46.31 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
46.32 Asian community through workforce
46.33 recruitment, development, job creation,
46.34 assistance of smaller organizations to increase

47.1 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
47.2 five percent is for administration and
47.3 monitoring of the program.

47.4 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
47.5 grant program to provide grants to
47.6 organizations that provide support services for
47.7 individuals, such as job training, employment
47.8 preparation, internships, job assistance to
47.9 parents, financial literacy, academic and
47.10 behavioral interventions for low-performing
47.11 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
47.12 under this section must focus on low-income
47.13 communities, young adults from families with
47.14 a history of intergenerational poverty, and
47.15 communities of color. Of this amount, up to
47.16 five percent is for administration and
47.17 monitoring of the program.

47.18 (l) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
47.19 and \$6,698,000 each year from the workforce
47.20 development fund are for the youth-at-work
47.21 competitive grant program under Minnesota
47.22 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
47.23 up to five percent is for administration and
47.24 monitoring of the youth workforce
47.25 development competitive grant program. All
47.26 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
47.27 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
47.28 The base for this appropriation is \$750,000
47.29 from the general fund and \$3,348,000 from
47.30 the workforce development fund beginning in
47.31 fiscal year 2026 and each year thereafter.

47.32 (m) \$1,093,000 each year is from the general
47.33 fund and \$1,000,000 each year is from the
47.34 workforce development fund for the
47.35 youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes,

48.1 sections 116L.361 to 116L.366. The base for
48.2 this appropriation is \$1,000,000 from the
48.3 workforce development fund in fiscal year
48.4 2026 and each year thereafter.

48.5 (n) \$4,511,000 each year from the general fund
48.6 and \$4,050,000 each year from the workforce
48.7 development fund are for the Minnesota youth
48.8 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
48.9 116L.56 and 116L.561. The base for this
48.10 appropriation is \$0 from the general fund and
48.11 \$4,050,000 from the workforce development
48.12 fund in fiscal year 2026 and each year
48.13 thereafter.

48.14 (o) \$750,000 each year is for the Office of
48.15 New Americans under Minnesota Statutes,
48.16 section 116J.4231.

48.17 (p) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce
48.18 development fund is for a grant to the
48.19 Minnesota Technology Association to support
48.20 the SciTech internship program, a program
48.21 that supports science, technology, engineering,
48.22 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for
48.23 two- and four-year college students and
48.24 graduate students in their fields of study. The
48.25 internship opportunities must match students
48.26 with paid internships within STEM disciplines
48.27 at small, for-profit companies located in
48.28 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees
48.29 worldwide. At least 325 students must be
48.30 matched each year. No more than 15 percent
48.31 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected
48.32 hiring companies shall receive from the grant
48.33 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,
48.34 capped at \$3,000 per intern. The program must
48.35 work toward increasing the participation

49.1 among women or other underserved
49.2 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.

49.3 (q) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
49.4 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Teen
49.5 Teamworks youth employment and training
49.6 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
49.7 available until June 30, 2027. Any
49.8 unencumbered balance remaining at the end
49.9 of the first year does not cancel but is available
49.10 in the second year.

49.11 (r) \$900,000 each year is for a grant to Avivo
49.12 to provide low-income individuals with career
49.13 education and job skills training that is fully
49.14 integrated with chemical and mental health
49.15 services. Of this amount, up to \$250,000 each
49.16 year is for a grant to Avivo to provide
49.17 resources and support services to survivors of
49.18 sex trafficking and domestic abuse in the
49.19 greater St. Cloud area as they search for
49.20 employment. Program resources include but
49.21 are not limited to costs for day care,
49.22 transportation, housing, legal advice, procuring
49.23 documents required for employment, interview
49.24 clothing, technology, and Internet access. The
49.25 program shall also include public outreach and
49.26 corporate training components to communicate
49.27 to the public and potential employers about
49.28 the specific struggles faced by survivors as
49.29 they re-enter the workforce. This is a onetime
49.30 appropriation.

49.31 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the getting to
49.32 work grant program under Minnesota Statutes,
49.33 section 116J.545. Of this amount, up to five
49.34 percent is for administration and monitoring

50.1 of the program. This is a onetime
50.2 appropriation.

50.3 (t) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to the
50.4 nonprofit 30,000 Feet to fund youth
50.5 apprenticeship jobs, wraparound services,
50.6 after-school programming, and summer
50.7 learning loss prevention efforts targeted at
50.8 African American youth. This is a onetime
50.9 appropriation.

50.10 (u) \$463,000 the first year is for a grant to the
50.11 Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota.
50.12 This is a onetime appropriation. Of this
50.13 amount:

50.14 (1) \$313,000 is to fund one year of free
50.15 full-service programming for a new program
50.16 in Waite Park that will employ part-time youth
50.17 development staff and provide community
50.18 volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.
50.19 Career exploration and life skills programming
50.20 will be a significant dimension of
50.21 programming at this new site; and

50.22 (2) \$150,000 is for planning and design for a
50.23 new multiuse facility for the Boys and Girls
50.24 Club of Waite Park and other community
50.25 partners, including the Waite Park Police
50.26 Department and the Whitney Senior Center.

50.27 (v) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
50.28 Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
50.29 to administer a statewide project of youth job
50.30 skills and career development. This project,
50.31 which may have career guidance components
50.32 including health and life skills, must be
50.33 designed to encourage, train, and assist youth
50.34 in early access to education and job-seeking

51.1 skills, work-based learning experience,
51.2 including career pathways in STEM learning,
51.3 career exploration and matching, and first job
51.4 placement through local community
51.5 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This
51.6 grant requires a 25 percent match from
51.7 nonstate resources. This is a onetime
51.8 appropriation.

51.9 (w) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
51.10 the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce
51.11 Foundation for the Learn and Earn Initiative
51.12 to help the Owatonna and Steele County
51.13 region grow and retain a talented workforce.
51.14 This is a onetime appropriation and is
51.15 available until June 30, 2025. Of this amount:

51.16 (1) \$900,000 is to develop an advanced
51.17 manufacturing career pathway program for
51.18 youth and adult learners with shared learning
51.19 spaces, state-of-the-art equipment, and
51.20 instructional support to grow and retain talent
51.21 in Owatonna; and

51.22 (2) \$100,000 is to create the Owatonna
51.23 Opportunity scholarship model for the Learn
51.24 and Earn Initiative for students and employers.

51.25 (x) \$250,000 each year from the workforce
51.26 development fund is for a grant to the White
51.27 Bear Center for the Arts for establishing a paid
51.28 internship program for high school students
51.29 to learn professional development skills
51.30 through an arts perspective. This is a onetime
51.31 appropriation.

51.32 (y) \$250,000 each year is for the Minnesota
51.33 Family Resiliency Partnership under
51.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The

52.1 commissioner, through the adult career
52.2 pathways program, shall distribute the money
52.3 to existing nonprofit and state displaced
52.4 homemaker programs. This is a onetime
52.5 appropriation.

52.6 (z) \$600,000 each year is for a grant to East
52.7 Side Neighborhood Services. This is a onetime
52.8 appropriation of which:

52.9 (1) \$300,000 each year is for the senior
52.10 community service employment program,
52.11 which provides work readiness training to
52.12 low-income adults ages 55 and older to
52.13 provide ongoing support and mentoring
52.14 services to the program participants as well as
52.15 the transition period from subsidized wages
52.16 to unsubsidized wages; and

52.17 (2) \$300,000 each year is for the nursing
52.18 assistant plus program to serve the increased
52.19 need for growth of medical talent pipelines
52.20 through expansion of the existing program and
52.21 development of in-house training.

52.22 The amounts specified in clauses (1) and (2)
52.23 may also be used to enhance employment
52.24 programming for youth and young adults, ages
52.25 14 to 24, to introduce them to work culture,
52.26 develop essential work readiness skills, and
52.27 make career plans through paid internship
52.28 experiences and work readiness training.

52.29 (aa) \$1,500,000 each year from the workforce
52.30 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa
52.31 Place to assist primarily African American
52.32 men with job training, employment
52.33 preparation, internships, education, vocational

53.1 housing, and organizational capacity building.

53.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

53.3 (bb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to

53.4 Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la

53.5 Acción Latina (COPAL) for worker center

53.6 programming that supports primarily

53.7 low-income, migrant, and Latinx workers with

53.8 career planning, workforce training and

53.9 education, workers' rights advocacy, health

53.10 resources and navigation, and wealth creation

53.11 resources. This is a onetime appropriation.

53.12 (cc) \$2,000,000 each year is for a grant to

53.13 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building

53.14 grants and related technical assistance to small,

53.15 culturally specific organizations that primarily

53.16 serve historically underserved cultural

53.17 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only

53.18 award grants to nonprofit organizations that

53.19 have an annual organizational budget of less

53.20 than \$1,000,000. These grants may be used

53.21 for:

53.22 (1) organizational infrastructure

53.23 improvements, including developing database

53.24 management systems and financial systems,

53.25 or other administrative needs that increase the

53.26 organization's ability to access new funding

53.27 sources;

53.28 (2) organizational workforce development,

53.29 including hiring culturally competent staff,

53.30 training and skills development, and other

53.31 methods of increasing staff capacity; or

53.32 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with

53.33 existing organizations that have specialized

53.34 expertise in order to increase capacity of the

54.1 grantee organization to improve services to
54.2 the community.

54.3 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used
54.4 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.
54.5 This is a onetime appropriation.

54.6 (dd) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
54.7 Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota and its
54.8 partners. The grant must be used to continue
54.9 the FATHER Project in Rochester, St. Cloud,
54.10 St. Paul, Minneapolis, and the surrounding
54.11 areas to assist fathers in overcoming barriers
54.12 that prevent fathers from supporting their
54.13 children economically and emotionally,
54.14 including with community re-entry following
54.15 confinement. This is a onetime appropriation.

54.16 (ee) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to
54.17 the ProStart and Hospitality Tourism
54.18 Management Program for a well-established,
54.19 proven, and successful education program that
54.20 helps young people advance careers in the
54.21 hospitality industry and addresses critical
54.22 long-term workforce shortages in that industry.

54.23 (ff) \$450,000 each year is for grants to
54.24 Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide
54.25 inclusive employment opportunities and
54.26 services for people with disabilities. This is a
54.27 onetime appropriation.

54.28 (gg) \$1,000,000 the first year is for a grant to
54.29 Minnesota Diversified Industries to assist
54.30 individuals with disabilities through the
54.31 unified work model by offering virtual and
54.32 in-person career skills classes augmented with
54.33 virtual reality tools. Minnesota Diversified
54.34 Industries shall submit a report on the number

55.1 and demographics of individuals served, hours
55.2 of career skills programming delivered,
55.3 outreach to employers, and recommendations
55.4 for future career skills delivery methods to the
55.5 chairs and ranking minority members of the
55.6 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
55.7 labor and workforce development policy and
55.8 finance by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
55.9 appropriation and is available until June 30,
55.10 2025.

55.11 (hh) \$1,264,000 each year is for a grant to
55.12 Summit Academy OIC to expand employment
55.13 placement, GED preparation and
55.14 administration, and STEM programming in
55.15 the Twin Cities, Saint Cloud, and Bemidji.
55.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

55.17 (ii) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
55.18 Minnesota Independence College and
55.19 Community to provide employment
55.20 preparation, job placement, job retention, and
55.21 service coordination services to adults with
55.22 autism and learning differences. This is a
55.23 onetime appropriation.

55.24 (jj) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
55.25 the second year are for a clean economy
55.26 equitable workforce grant program. Money
55.27 must be used for grants to support partnership
55.28 development, planning, and implementation
55.29 of workforce readiness programs aimed at
55.30 workers who are Black, Indigenous, and
55.31 People of Color. Programs must include
55.32 workforce training, career development,
55.33 workers' rights training, employment
55.34 placement, and culturally appropriate job
55.35 readiness and must prepare workers for careers

56.1 in the high-demand fields of construction,
56.2 clean energy, and energy efficiency. Grants
56.3 must be given to nonprofit organizations that
56.4 serve historically disenfranchised
56.5 communities, including new Americans, with
56.6 preference for organizations that are new
56.7 providers of workforce programming or which
56.8 have partnership agreements with registered
56.9 apprenticeship programs. This is a onetime
56.10 appropriation.

56.11 (kk) \$350,000 the first year and \$25,000 the
56.12 second year are for a grant to the University
56.13 of Minnesota Tourism Center for the creation
56.14 and operation of an online hospitality training
56.15 program in partnership with Explore
56.16 Minnesota Tourism. This training program
56.17 must be made available at no cost to
56.18 Minnesota residents in an effort to address
56.19 critical workforce shortages in the hospitality
56.20 and tourism industries and assist in career
56.21 development. The base for this appropriation
56.22 is \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 and each year
56.23 thereafter for ongoing system maintenance,
56.24 management, and content updates.

56.25 (ll) \$3,000,000 the first year is for competitive
56.26 grants to support high school robotics teams
56.27 and prepare youth for careers in STEM fields.
56.28 Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is for creating
56.29 internships for high school students to work
56.30 at private companies in STEM fields,
56.31 including the payment of student stipends.
56.32 This is a onetime appropriation and is
56.33 available until June 30, 2028.

56.34 (mm) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
56.35 nonprofit Sanneh Foundation to fund

57.1 out-of-school and summer programs focused
57.2 on mentoring and behavioral, social, and
57.3 emotional learning interventions and
57.4 enrichment activities directed toward
57.5 low-income students of color. This is a
57.6 onetime appropriation and available until June
57.7 30, 2027.

57.8 (nn) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
57.9 Hmong American Partnership to expand job
57.10 training and placement programs primarily
57.11 serving the Southeast Asian community. This
57.12 is a onetime appropriation.

57.13 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to
57.14 Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
57.15 (CLUES) to address employment, economic,
57.16 and technology access disparities for
57.17 low-income unemployed or underemployed
57.18 individuals. Grant money must support
57.19 short-term certifications and transferable skills
57.20 in high-demand fields, workforce readiness,
57.21 customized financial capability, and
57.22 employment supports. At least 50 percent of
57.23 this amount must be used for programming
57.24 targeted at greater Minnesota. This is a
57.25 onetime appropriation.

57.26 (pp) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to All
57.27 Square. The grant must be used to support the
57.28 operations of All Square's Fellowship and
57.29 Prison to Law Pipeline programs which
57.30 operate in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and
57.31 surrounding correctional facilities to assist
57.32 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated
57.33 Minnesotans in overcoming employment
57.34 barriers that prevent economic and emotional
57.35 freedom. This is a onetime appropriation.

58.1 (qq) \$1,000,000 each year is for a grant to the
58.2 Redemption Project to provide employment
58.3 services to adults leaving incarceration,
58.4 including recruiting, educating, training, and
58.5 retaining employment mentors and partners.

58.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

58.7 (rr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
58.8 Greater Twin Cities United Way to make
58.9 grants to partner organizations to provide
58.10 workforce training using the career pathways
58.11 model that helps students gain work
58.12 experience, earn experience in high-demand
58.13 fields, and transition into family-sustaining
58.14 careers. This is a onetime appropriation.

58.15 (ss) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
58.16 Community Action Partnership of Hennepin
58.17 County. This is a onetime appropriation. Of
58.18 this amount:

58.19 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to 21
58.20 Days of Peace for social equity building and
58.21 community engagement activities; and

58.22 (2) \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to A
58.23 Mother's Love for community outreach,
58.24 empowerment training, and employment and
58.25 career exploration services.

58.26 (tt) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to Mind
58.27 the G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to Prosperity
58.28 Program) to improve the quality of life of
58.29 unemployed and underemployed individuals
58.30 by improving their employment outcomes and
58.31 developing individual earnings potential. This
58.32 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
58.33 balance remaining at the end of the first year

59.1 does not cancel but is available in the second
59.2 year.

59.3 (uu) \$550,000 each year is for a grant to the
59.4 International Institute of Minnesota. Grant
59.5 money must be used for workforce training
59.6 for new Americans in industries in need of a
59.7 trained workforce. This is a onetime
59.8 appropriation.

59.9 (vv) \$400,000 each year from the workforce
59.10 development fund is for a grant to Hired to
59.11 expand their career pathway job training and
59.12 placement program that connects lower-skilled
59.13 job seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in
59.14 high-growth sectors. This is a onetime
59.15 appropriation.

59.16 (ww) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
59.17 American Indian Opportunities and
59.18 Industrialization Center for workforce
59.19 development programming, including reducing
59.20 academic disparities for American Indian
59.21 students and adults. This is a onetime
59.22 appropriation.

59.23 (xx) \$500,000 each year from the workforce
59.24 development fund is for a grant to the Hmong
59.25 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically
59.26 Southeast Asian business owners and
59.27 operators in better business practices. Of this
59.28 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for
59.29 administrative costs. This is a onetime
59.30 appropriation.

59.31 (yy) \$275,000 each year is for a grant to
59.32 Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development
59.33 Area 8 and Workforce Development, Inc., to
59.34 provide career planning, career pathway

60.1 training and education, wraparound support
60.2 services, and job skills advancement in
60.3 high-demand careers to individuals with
60.4 barriers to employment in Steele County, and
60.5 to help families build secure pathways out of
60.6 poverty and address worker shortages in the
60.7 Owatonna and Steele County area, as well as
60.8 supporting Employer Outreach Services that
60.9 provide solutions to workforce challenges and
60.10 direct connections to workforce programming.
60.11 Money may be used for program expenses,
60.12 including but not limited to hiring instructors
60.13 and navigators; space rental; and supportive
60.14 services to help participants attend classes,
60.15 including assistance with course fees, child
60.16 care, transportation, and safe and stable
60.17 housing. Up to five percent of grant money
60.18 may be used for Workforce Development,
60.19 Inc.'s administrative costs. This is a onetime
60.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,
60.21 2027.

60.22 (zz) \$589,000 the first year and \$588,000 the
60.23 second year are for grants to the Black
60.24 Women's Wealth Alliance to provide
60.25 low-income individuals with job skills
60.26 training, career counseling, and job placement
60.27 assistance. This is a onetime appropriation.

60.28 (aaa) \$250,000 each year is for a grant to
60.29 Abijahs on the Backside to provide equine
60.30 experiential mental health therapy to first
60.31 responders suffering from job-related trauma
60.32 and post-traumatic stress disorder. For
60.33 purposes of this paragraph, a "first responder"
60.34 is a peace officer as defined in Minnesota
60.35 Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1,

61.1 paragraph (c); a full-time firefighter as defined
61.2 in Minnesota Statutes, section 299N.03,
61.3 subdivision 5; or a volunteer firefighter as
61.4 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
61.5 299N.03, subdivision 7.

61.6 Abijahs on the Backside must report to the
61.7 commissioner of employment and economic
61.8 development and the chairs and ranking
61.9 minority members of the legislative
61.10 committees with jurisdiction over employment
61.11 and economic development policy and finance
61.12 on the equine experiential mental health
61.13 therapy provided to first responders under this
61.14 paragraph. The report must include an
61.15 overview of the program's budget, a detailed
61.16 explanation of program expenditures, the
61.17 number of first responders served by the
61.18 program, and a list and explanation of the
61.19 services provided to and benefits received by
61.20 program participants. An initial report is due
61.21 by January 15, 2024, and a final report is due
61.22 by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime
61.23 appropriation.

61.24 (bbb) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
61.25 Ramsey County to provide job training and
61.26 workforce development for underserved
61.27 communities. Grant money may be subgranted
61.28 to Milestone Community Development for the
61.29 Milestone Tech program. This is a onetime
61.30 appropriation.

61.31 (ccc) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
61.32 Ramsey County for a technology training
61.33 pathway program focused on intergenerational
61.34 community tech work for residents who are
61.35 at least 18 years old and no more than 24 years

62.1 old and whose household income is at or
62.2 below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
62.3 Grant money may be used for program
62.4 administration, training, training stipends,
62.5 wages, and support services. This is a onetime
62.6 appropriation and is available until December
62.7 31, 2027.

62.8 (ddd) \$200,000 each year is for a grant to
62.9 Project Restore Minnesota for the Social
62.10 Kitchen project, a pathway program for careers
62.11 in the culinary arts. This is a onetime
62.12 appropriation and is available until June 30,
62.13 2027.

62.14 (eee) \$100,000 each year is for grants to the
62.15 Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation
62.16 for Carts to Careers, a statewide initiative to
62.17 promote careers, conduct outreach, provide
62.18 job skills training, and award scholarships for
62.19 students pursuing careers in the food industry.
62.20 This is a onetime appropriation.

62.21 (fff) \$1,200,000 each year is for a grant to
62.22 Twin Cities R!SE. Of this amount, \$700,000
62.23 each year is for performance grants under
62.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747, to
62.25 Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to
62.26 individuals facing barriers to employment;
62.27 and \$500,000 each year is to increase the
62.28 capacity of the Empowerment Institute through
62.29 employer partnerships across Minnesota and
62.30 expansion of the youth personal empowerment
62.31 curriculum. This is a onetime appropriation
62.32 and available until June 30, 2026.

62.33 (ggg) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to
62.34 Bridges to Healthcare to provide career
62.35 education, wraparound support services, and

63.1 job skills training in high-demand health care
63.2 fields to low-income parents, nonnative
63.3 speakers of English, and other hard-to-train
63.4 individuals, helping families build secure
63.5 pathways out of poverty while also addressing
63.6 worker shortages in one of Minnesota's most
63.7 innovative industries. Grants may be used for
63.8 program expenses, including but not limited
63.9 to hiring instructors and navigators; space
63.10 rental; and supportive services to help
63.11 participants attend classes, including assistance
63.12 with course fees, child care, transportation,
63.13 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
63.14 five percent of grant money may be used for
63.15 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.
63.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

63.17 (hhh) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Big
63.18 Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities
63.19 to provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 21
63.20 with job-seeking skills, connections to job
63.21 training and education opportunities, and
63.22 mentorship while exploring careers. The grant
63.23 shall serve youth in the Big Brothers Big
63.24 Sisters chapters in the Twin Cities, central
63.25 Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. This is a
63.26 onetime appropriation.

63.27 (iii) \$3,000,000 each year is for a grant to
63.28 Youthprise to provide economic development
63.29 services designed to enhance long-term
63.30 economic self-sufficiency in communities with
63.31 concentrated African populations statewide.
63.32 ~~Of these amounts, 50 percent is for subgrants~~
63.33 ~~to Ka Joog and 50 percent is for competitive~~
63.34 ~~subgrants to community organizations by~~
63.35 offering subgrants to community

64.1 organizations. This is a onetime appropriation
64.2 and money is available until June 30, 2026.

64.3 (jjj) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to the
64.4 YWCA Minneapolis to provide training to
64.5 eligible individuals, including job skills
64.6 training, career counseling, and job placement
64.7 assistance necessary to secure a child
64.8 development associate credential and to have
64.9 a career path in early education. This is a
64.10 onetime appropriation.

64.11 (kkk) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
64.12 Emerge Community Development to support
64.13 and reinforce critical workforce training at the
64.14 Emerge Career and Technical Center, Cedar
64.15 Riverside Opportunity Center, and Emerge
64.16 Second Chance programs in the city of
64.17 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

64.18 (lll) \$425,000 each year is for a grant to Better
64.19 Futures Minnesota to provide job skills
64.20 training to individuals who have been released
64.21 from incarceration for a felony-level offense
64.22 and are no more than 12 months from the date
64.23 of release. This is a onetime appropriation.

64.24 Better Futures Minnesota shall annually report
64.25 to the commissioner on how the money was
64.26 spent and what results were achieved. The
64.27 report must include, at a minimum,
64.28 information and data about the number of
64.29 participants; participant homelessness,
64.30 employment, recidivism, and child support
64.31 compliance; and job skills training provided
64.32 to program participants.

64.33 (mmm) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
64.34 Pillsbury United Communities to provide job

65.1 training and workforce development services
65.2 for underserved communities. This is a
65.3 onetime appropriation.

65.4 (nnn) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
65.5 Project for Pride in Living for job training and
65.6 workforce development services for
65.7 underserved communities. This is a onetime
65.8 appropriation.

65.9 (ooo) \$300,000 each year is for a grant to
65.10 YMCA of the North to provide career
65.11 exploration, job training, and workforce
65.12 development services for underserved youth
65.13 and young adults. This is a onetime
65.14 appropriation.

65.15 (ppp) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to Al
65.16 Maa'uun, formerly the North at Work program,
65.17 for a strategic intervention program designed
65.18 to target and connect program participants to
65.19 meaningful, sustainable living wage
65.20 employment. This is a onetime appropriation.

65.21 (qqq) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to
65.22 CAIRO to provide workforce development
65.23 services in health care, technology, and
65.24 transportation (CDL) industries. This is a
65.25 onetime appropriation.

65.26 (rrr) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
65.27 Central Minnesota Community Empowerment
65.28 Organization for providing services to relieve
65.29 economic disparities in the African immigrant
65.30 community through workforce recruitment,
65.31 development, job creation, assistance of
65.32 smaller organizations to increase capacity, and
65.33 outreach. Of this amount, up to five percent

66.1 is for administration and monitoring of the
66.2 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

66.3 (sss) \$270,000 each year is for a grant to the
66.4 Stairstep Foundation for community-based
66.5 workforce development efforts. This is a
66.6 onetime appropriation.

66.7 (ttt) \$400,000 each year is for a grant to
66.8 Building Strong Communities, Inc, for a
66.9 statewide apprenticeship readiness program
66.10 to prepare women, BIPOC community
66.11 members, and veterans to enter the building
66.12 and construction trades. This is a onetime
66.13 appropriation.

66.14 (uuu) \$150,000 each year is for prevailing
66.15 wage staff under Minnesota Statutes, section
66.16 116J.871, subdivision 2.

66.17 (vvv) \$250,000 each year is for the purpose
66.18 of awarding a grant to Minnesota Community
66.19 of African People with Disabilities
66.20 (MNCAPD), Roots Connect, and Fortune
66.21 Relief and Youth Empowerment Organization
66.22 (FRAYEO). This is a onetime appropriation.
66.23 MNCAPD, Roots Connect, and FRAYEO
66.24 must use grant proceeds to provide funding
66.25 for workforce development activities for
66.26 at-risk youth from low-income families and
66.27 unengaged young adults experiencing
66.28 disabilities, including:

66.29 (1) job readiness training for at-risk youth,
66.30 including resume building, interview skills,
66.31 and job search strategies;

66.32 (2) on-the-job training opportunities with local
66.33 businesses;

67.1 (3) support services such as transportation
67.2 assistance and child care to help youth attend
67.3 job training programs; and

67.4 (4) mentorship and networking opportunities
67.5 to connect youth with professionals in the
67.6 youth's desired fields.

67.7 (www)(1) \$250,000 each year is for a grant
67.8 to Greater Rochester Advocates for
67.9 Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), a
67.10 collaborative organization representing health
67.11 care, business, workforce development, and
67.12 higher education institutions, for expenses
67.13 relating to starting up a state-of-the-art
67.14 simulation center for training health care
67.15 workers in southeast Minnesota. Once
67.16 established, this center must be self-sustaining
67.17 through user fees. Eligible expenses include
67.18 leasing costs, developing and providing
67.19 training, and operational costs. This is a
67.20 onetime appropriation.

67.21 (2) By January 15, 2025, GRAUC must submit
67.22 a report, including an independent financial
67.23 audit of the use of grant money, to the chairs
67.24 and ranking minority members of the
67.25 legislative committees having jurisdiction over
67.26 higher education and economic development.
67.27 This report must include details on the training
67.28 provided at the simulation center, including
67.29 the names of all organizations that use the
67.30 center for training, the number of individuals
67.31 each organization trained, and the type of
67.32 training provided.

67.33 (xxx)(1) \$350,000 each year is for a grant to
67.34 the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
67.35 for a pilot program supporting black

68.1 undergraduate students pursuing admission to
68.2 law school. This is a onetime appropriation.

68.3 (2) The program must:

68.4 (i) enroll an initial cohort of ten to 20 black
68.5 Minnesota resident students attending a
68.6 baccalaureate degree-granting postsecondary
68.7 institution in Minnesota full time;

68.8 (ii) support each of the program's students with
68.9 an academic scholarship in the amount of
68.10 \$4,000 per academic year;

68.11 (iii) organize events and programming,
68.12 including but not limited to one-on-one
68.13 mentoring, to familiarize enrolled students
68.14 with law school and legal careers; and

68.15 (iv) provide the program's students free test
68.16 preparation materials, academic support, and
68.17 registration for the Law School Admission
68.18 Test (LSAT) examination.

68.19 (3) The Minnesota Association of Black
68.20 Lawyers may use grant funds under clause (1)
68.21 for costs related to:

68.22 (i) student scholarships;

68.23 (ii) academic events and programming,
68.24 including food and transportation costs for
68.25 students;

68.26 (iii) LSAT preparation materials, courses, and
68.27 registrations; and

68.28 (iv) hiring staff for the program.

68.29 (4) By January 30, 2024, and again by January
68.30 30, 2025, the Minnesota Association of Black
68.31 Lawyers must submit a report to the
68.32 commissioner and to the chairs and ranking

69.1 minority members of legislative committees
69.2 with jurisdiction over workforce development
69.3 finance and policy and higher education
69.4 finance and policy. The report must include
69.5 an accurate and detailed account of the pilot
69.6 program, its outcomes, and its revenues and
69.7 expenses, including the use of all state funds
69.8 appropriated in clause (1).

69.9 (yyy) \$2,000,000 the first year is for a grant
69.10 to the Power of People Leadership Institute
69.11 (POPLI) to expand pre- and post-release
69.12 personal development and leadership training
69.13 and community reintegration services, to
69.14 reduce recidivism, and increase access to
69.15 employment. This is a onetime appropriation
69.16 and is available until June 30, 2025.

69.17 (zzz) \$500,000 the first year is to the
69.18 Legislative Coordinating Commission for the
69.19 Working Group on Youth Interventions. This
69.20 is a onetime appropriation.

69.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

69.22 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 21, section 7, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter
69.23 120, article 1, section 12; and Laws 2024, chapter 125, article 8, section 9, is amended to
69.24 read:

69.25 Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

69.26 (a) \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund
69.27 account to the commissioner of employment and economic development ~~for providing~~
69.28 ~~businesses with matching funds required by federal programs.~~ Money awarded under this
69.29 program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. The
69.30 commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a
69.31 onetime appropriation and is available until ~~June 30, 2027~~ spent. ~~Any funds that remain~~
69.32 ~~unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(b) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match existing federal funds made available in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 117-328. This appropriation must be used to (1) construct and operate a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, biorefinery, or commercial campus utilizing agricultural feedstocks or (2) for a Minnesota aerospace center for research, development, and testing, or both (1) and (2). This appropriation is not subject to the grant limit requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivisions 4, paragraph (b), and 5. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), this appropriation may include land acquisition as an eligible use to construct a bioindustrial manufacturing pilot innovation facility, a biorefinery, and an aerospace center for research, development, and testing. The commissioner may use up to two percent of this appropriation for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 spent. ~~Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(c) \$240,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the Minnesota forward fund account to the commissioner of employment and economic development to match federal funds made available in the Chips and Science Act, Public Law 117-167. Money awarded under this program is made retroactive to February 1, 2023, for applications and projects. This appropriation is not subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8752, subdivision 5. The commissioner may use up two percent for administration. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027 spent. ~~Any funds that remain unspent are canceled to the general fund.~~

(d) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to allocate up to 15 percent of the total project cost with a maximum of \$75,000,000 per project for the purpose of constructing, modernizing, or expanding commercial facilities on the front- and back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors; funding semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment facilities; and for research and development facilities.

(e) The commissioner may use the appropriation under paragraph (c) to award:

(1) grants to institutions of higher education for developing and deploying training programs and to build pipelines to serve the needs of industry; and

(2) grants to increase the capacity of institutions of higher education to serve industrial requirements for research and development that coincide with current and future requirements of projects eligible under this section. Grant money may be used to construct and equip

71.1 facilities that serve the purpose of the industry. The maximum grant award per institution
71.2 of higher education under this section is \$5,000,000 and may not represent more than 50
71.3 percent of the total project funding from other sources. Use of this funding must be supported
71.4 by businesses receiving funds under clause (1).

71.5 (f) Money appropriated in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) may be transferred between
71.6 appropriations within the Minnesota forward fund account by the commissioner of
71.7 employment and economic development with approval of the commissioner of management
71.8 and budget. The commissioner must notify the Legislative Advisory Commission at least
71.9 15 days prior to changing appropriations under this paragraph.

71.10 Sec. 4. Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30, is amended to read:

71.11 Sec. 30. **APPROPRIATION; CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS; GRANT.**

71.12 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the
71.13 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the city of
71.14 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation. ~~The grant must be paid by July 15, 2023.~~ The
71.15 city of Minneapolis may use up to one percent of the grant for administrative costs. This
71.16 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

71.17 (b) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), \$8,000,000
71.18 must be used for a grant to a foundation that provides business advising, branding and
71.19 marketing support, and real estate consulting to businesses located on Lake Street in
71.20 Minneapolis, between 30th Avenue South and Nicollet Avenue. The organization must use
71.21 the funds for direct business support or direct corridor support, including assistance with
71.22 marketing, placemaking, and public relations services.

71.23 (c) Of the amount granted to the city of Minneapolis under paragraph (a), \$2,000,000
71.24 must be used for property acquisition in the city of Minneapolis at 1860 28th Street East
71.25 and 2717 Longfellow Avenue.

71.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

71.27 Sec. 5. Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

71.28 Subd. 3. **Employment and Training Programs** \$ -0- \$ 12,207,000

71.29 Appropriations by Fund

71.30 2024 2025

72.1 General -0- 50,000

72.2 Workforce

72.3 Development -0- 12,157,000

72.4 (a) \$400,000 the second year is from the
72.5 workforce development fund for a grant to
72.6 Sabathani Community Center for specialized
72.7 community outreach and engagement, a
72.8 marketing and communication plan, program
72.9 evaluation, personal empowerment training
72.10 for men, empowerment and truancy
72.11 curriculum for youth, wellness training for
72.12 seniors, a workforce strategies mentorship and
72.13 jobs training program, a 15-passenger van,
72.14 and service kiosks for the Sabathani
72.15 Community Center, including a onetime paid
72.16 internship to support these programs. This is
72.17 a onetime appropriation.

72.18 (b) \$700,000 the second year is from the
72.19 workforce development fund for a grant to the
72.20 Shakopee Chamber Foundation for the
72.21 Shakopee area workforce development
72.22 scholarship pilot program. This is a onetime
72.23 appropriation and is available until June 30,
72.24 2027. The commissioner of employment and
72.25 economic development may enter into an
72.26 interagency agreement with the Office of
72.27 Higher Education, including agreements to
72.28 transfer funds and to administer the program.

72.29 (c) \$100,000 the second year is from the
72.30 workforce development fund for a grant to
72.31 Inspire Change Clinic for their health care
72.32 fellowship program designed to create
72.33 pathways to medicine for high school and
72.34 college students interested in pursuing a career
72.35 in the health care workforce. The health care

73.1 fellowship program is intended to remove
73.2 barriers for minority students, foster
73.3 inclusivity and diversity in the health care
73.4 sector, and provide valuable opportunities for
73.5 students, including mentorship programs,
73.6 access to renowned health institutions in the
73.7 state of Minnesota, and hands-on work
73.8 experience. In addition to the reporting
73.9 requirements in section 14, the commissioner
73.10 must include the number of participants served
73.11 by the grant and provide information about
73.12 program outcomes. This is a onetime
73.13 appropriation.

73.14 (d) \$250,000 the second year is from the
73.15 workforce development fund for a grant to
73.16 Bolder Options Youth Mentoring Program to
73.17 provide disadvantaged youth ages 12 to 22
73.18 with intensive one-to-one wellness,
73.19 goal-setting, and academic-focused
73.20 mentorship; programming that teaches life and
73.21 job-seeking skills; career and college
73.22 achievement coaches; and connections to
73.23 employment, job training, and education
73.24 opportunities. The grant must serve youth in
73.25 the Bolder Options program in the Twin Cities
73.26 and the city of Rochester. In addition to the
73.27 reporting requirements in section 14, the
73.28 commissioner must include the number of
73.29 participants served by the grant. This is a
73.30 onetime appropriation.

73.31 (e) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
73.32 workforce development fund for a grant to
73.33 Change Starts With Community for a violence
73.34 prevention program. Grant money must be
73.35 used to establish a comprehensive workforce

74.1 development initiative, specifically tailored
74.2 for at-risk youth and adults, located on site at
74.3 Shiloh Cares Food Shelf in the city of
74.4 Minneapolis. This is a onetime appropriation.

74.5 (f) \$100,000 the second year is from the
74.6 workforce development fund for a grant to
74.7 InspireMSP to develop programming to assist
74.8 middle school-aged children in Minneapolis
74.9 and St. Paul to develop an interest in and
74.10 connect with the creative industry in
74.11 Minnesota. Money must be used for program
74.12 development and career exploration in the
74.13 creative industry for historically excluded
74.14 youth by providing access to essential
74.15 resources, networks, and hands-on experience.
74.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

74.17 (g) \$100,000 the second year is from the
74.18 workforce development fund for a grant to
74.19 Lake County Ambulance Service to establish
74.20 a training program for Cook County and Lake
74.21 County high school students interested in
74.22 pursuing careers as emergency medical
74.23 technicians. This is a onetime appropriation.

74.24 (h) \$350,000 the second year is from the
74.25 workforce development fund for a grant to the
74.26 city of Austin to develop and implement
74.27 training programs for water operators and
74.28 wastewater operators. Riverland Community
74.29 College must offer the training programs. This
74.30 is a onetime appropriation and is available
74.31 until June 30, 2027. Of this amount, the city
74.32 of Austin may use up to five percent for
74.33 administration of the program. The
74.34 commissioner must provide an annual report
74.35 by January 5 of each year until January 5,

75.1 2028, regarding the use of grant funds under
75.2 this paragraph to the chairs and ranking
75.3 minority members of the legislative
75.4 committees with jurisdiction over economic
75.5 development and higher education. The report
75.6 must include the number of students enrolled
75.7 and number of students who have completed
75.8 courses funded by this appropriation.

75.9 (i) \$250,000 the second year is from the
75.10 workforce development fund for a grant to the
75.11 Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for
75.12 a STEM training and career preparation
75.13 program targeted at the needs of BIPOC youth.
75.14 The program shall serve youth who are at least
75.15 11 years of age and less than 24 years of age
75.16 and shall provide career training, job skills
75.17 development, mentorship, and employment
75.18 opportunities. This is a onetime appropriation
75.19 and is available until June 30, 2027.

75.20 (j) \$200,000 the second year is from the
75.21 workforce development fund and is for a grant
75.22 to the Jobs Foundation for direct training,
75.23 support services, safety enhancements, and
75.24 economic support for formerly incarcerated
75.25 individuals participating in the Repowered
75.26 work readiness program. This is a onetime
75.27 appropriation.

75.28 (k) \$100,000 the second year is from the
75.29 workforce development fund for a grant to the
75.30 North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center, also
75.31 known as Mypitbullisfamilycom.Inc,
75.32 Community Animal Medicine Professionals
75.33 (CAMP) program to provide training,
75.34 professional development workshops,
75.35 mentorship and leadership programs, and

76.1 develop recruitment and retention strategies.

76.2 This is a onetime appropriation.

76.3 (l) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
76.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant
76.5 to African Immigrants Community Services
76.6 for workforce development for new
76.7 Americans. This is a onetime appropriation.

76.8 (m) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
76.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant
76.10 to WomenVenture for supporting child care
76.11 providers by providing business training,
76.12 mentorship, services, and educational
76.13 materials, by facilitating shared administrative
76.14 staff and pooled management of services such
76.15 as banking and payroll, by providing child
76.16 care management software and software
76.17 training, and by distributing subgrants and
76.18 loans, which may be forgivable at
76.19 WomenVenture's discretion. This is a onetime
76.20 appropriation and is available until June 30,
76.21 2027.

76.22 (n) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
76.23 workforce development fund and is for a grant
76.24 to the Black Chamber of Commerce for
76.25 technical support to Black-owned small
76.26 businesses, for implementing initiatives to
76.27 address barriers facing the Black business
76.28 community, and for networking, mentorship,
76.29 and training programs. This is a onetime
76.30 appropriation and is available until June 30,
76.31 2027.

76.32 (o) \$250,000 the second year is from the
76.33 workforce development fund and is for a grant
76.34 to the Karen Organization of Minnesota for
76.35 job training and financial support and

77.1 incentives for job training participants. This
77.2 is a onetime appropriation.

77.3 (p) \$100,000 the second year is from the
77.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant
77.5 to Indigenous Roots for soft skills training and
77.6 career readiness training for youth. This is a
77.7 onetime appropriation.

77.8 (q) \$100,000 the second year is from the
77.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant
77.10 to Ramsey County for a subgrant with People
77.11 in Action to provide workforce development
77.12 programming. This amount is available until
77.13 June 30, 2026, and 40 percent of the amount
77.14 must be expended within the city of St. Paul.
77.15 Grants provided by People in Action must be
77.16 awarded through at least two requests for
77.17 proposals. This is a onetime appropriation.

77.18 (r) \$500,000 the second year is from the
77.19 workforce development fund and is for a grant
77.20 to the Metro Youth Diversion Center to
77.21 support its Youth-Care Assessment and
77.22 Readiness Education program to enhance
77.23 workforce development opportunities for
77.24 youth with a focus on underrepresented East
77.25 African students. This is a onetime
77.26 appropriation.

77.27 (s) \$174,000 the second year is from the
77.28 workforce development fund and is for a grant
77.29 to Independent School District No. 709,
77.30 Duluth, for a software subscription to facilitate
77.31 the career planning of students. This is a
77.32 onetime appropriation.

77.33 (t) \$171,000 the second year is from the
77.34 workforce development fund and is for a grant

78.1 to Independent School District No. 704,
78.2 Proctor, to develop a regional career and
78.3 technical education program to serve
78.4 Independent School District No. 704, Proctor,
78.5 Independent School District No. 700,
78.6 Hermantown, and Independent School District
78.7 No. 99, Esko. This is a onetime appropriation.

78.8 (u) \$1,000,000 the second year is from the
78.9 workforce development fund and is for a grant
78.10 to the city of Brooklyn Park for the Brooklyn
78.11 Park Small Business Center and for the city
78.12 to expand the workforce development
78.13 programming of Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn
78.14 Center through workforce development
78.15 programs serving primarily underrepresented
78.16 populations, including such programs as
78.17 Brooklynk, Career Pathways, Youth
78.18 Entrepreneurship, and Community Partnership.
78.19 This is a onetime appropriation and is
78.20 available until June 30, 2027.

78.21 (v) \$500,000 the second year is from the
78.22 workforce development fund and is for a grant
78.23 to Riverside Plaza Tenant Association to
78.24 address employment, economic, and
78.25 technology access disparities for low-income
78.26 unemployed or underemployed individuals
78.27 through training in health care, technology,
78.28 and construction or skilled trades industries.
78.29 This is a onetime appropriation.

78.30 (w) \$300,000 the second year is from the
78.31 workforce development fund and is for a grant
78.32 to African Career, Education, and Resources,
78.33 Inc., to develop a program for health care
78.34 skills training and computer skills training in
78.35 collaboration with the Organization of

79.1 Liberians in Minnesota. This is a onetime
79.2 appropriation.

79.3 (x) \$75,000 the second year is from the
79.4 workforce development fund and is for a grant
79.5 to Equitable Development Action for it to fund
79.6 programs and provide technical assistance to
79.7 underserved businesses. This is a onetime
79.8 appropriation.

79.9 (y) \$50,000 the second year is from the
79.10 workforce development fund and is for a grant
79.11 to HIRPHA International for use on youth
79.12 apprenticeships, entrepreneurship training,
79.13 computer skills, and work readiness training.
79.14 This is a onetime appropriation.

79.15 (z) \$200,000 the second year is from the
79.16 workforce development fund and is for a grant
79.17 to YWCA St. Paul for a strategic intervention
79.18 program designed to target and connect
79.19 program participants to meaningful,
79.20 sustainable living wage employment. This is
79.21 a onetime appropriation.

79.22 (aa) \$50,000 the second year is from the
79.23 workforce development fund and is for a grant
79.24 to United Senior Lao American Association
79.25 to provide job and skills training for an
79.26 underserved population. This is a onetime
79.27 appropriation.

79.28 (bb) \$100,000 the second year is from the
79.29 workforce development fund and is for a grant
79.30 to Hmong American Farmers Association for
79.31 workforce readiness, employment exploration,
79.32 and skills development. This is a onetime
79.33 appropriation.

80.1 (cc) \$240,000 the second year is from the
80.2 workforce development fund and is for a grant
80.3 to MN Zej Zog for workforce readiness,
80.4 employment exploration, and skills
80.5 development. This is a onetime appropriation.

80.6 (dd) \$100,000 the second year is from the
80.7 workforce development fund and is for a grant
80.8 to Ramsey County for a Justice Impact
80.9 Navigator to support Ramsey County residents
80.10 who have a justice impact or who are
80.11 reentering the community after incarceration
80.12 to connect to resources with a focus on
80.13 employment and training supports. Funds must
80.14 be used for a navigator pilot and other
80.15 administrative expenses such as outreach,
80.16 marketing, and resources for residents. This
80.17 is a onetime appropriation.

80.18 (ee) \$100,000 the second year is from the
80.19 workforce development fund and is for a grant
80.20 to Ramsey County for a Digital Equity
80.21 Specialist to support Ramsey County residents
80.22 with digital literacy resources and skills to
80.23 connect to employment and training supports.
80.24 Funds must be used for a digital navigator
80.25 pilot serving in Ramsey County Career Labs
80.26 and community-based locations and other
80.27 administrative expenses, such as outreach,
80.28 marketing, and resources for residents. This
80.29 is a onetime appropriation.

80.30 (ff) \$100,000 the second year is from the
80.31 workforce development fund for a grant to
80.32 Film North to attract a film festival. This is a
80.33 onetime appropriation. The commissioner of
80.34 employment and economic development may
80.35 enter into an interagency agreement with

81.1 Explore Minnesota, including agreements to
81.2 transfer funds and administer the grant.

81.3 (gg) \$400,000 the second year is from the
81.4 workforce development fund for a grant to the
81.5 Twin Cities Urban League for support,
81.6 capacity building, and expansion of the Work
81.7 Readiness Program. This is a onetime
81.8 appropriation.

81.9 (hh) \$500,000 the second year is from the
81.10 workforce development fund for a grant to
81.11 Arrowhead Opportunity Agency for the
81.12 purposes of expanding workforce development
81.13 opportunities ~~in the region~~ through the creation
81.14 of a regional hub building where services can
81.15 be provided. Money may be used for the costs
81.16 of acquiring and refurbishing a building to
81.17 serve as the hub. This is a onetime
81.18 appropriation and is available until June 30,
81.19 2026.

81.20 (ii) \$597,000 the second year is from the
81.21 workforce development fund for a grant to the
81.22 Minneapolis Downtown Council for
81.23 infrastructure and associated costs for the
81.24 Taste of Minnesota event, including but not
81.25 limited to buildout, permits, garbage services,
81.26 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signage,
81.27 and insurance. This is a onetime appropriation.

81.28 The commissioner of employment and
81.29 economic development may enter into an
81.30 interagency agreement with Explore
81.31 Minnesota, including agreements to transfer
81.32 funds and administer the grant.

81.33 (jj) \$50,000 the second year is from the
81.34 general fund for a grant to Block Builders
81.35 Foundation. This appropriation must be used

82.1 for programming targeted toward at-risk youth
82.2 coaching, financial literacy education, juvenile
82.3 offender diversion programming, and
82.4 community outreach. This is a onetime
82.5 appropriation.

82.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day after final enactment.

82.7 Sec. 6. Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

82.8	Sec. 4. EXPLORE MINNESOTA	\$	-0-	\$	4,475,000
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82.9 (a) \$825,000 the second year is for Explore
82.10 Minnesota Film. This appropriation is added
82.11 to the Explore MN base in fiscal year 2026
82.12 and each year thereafter.

82.13 (b) \$400,000 the second year is for ~~a grant to~~
82.14 ~~Ka Joog~~ for Somali community and cultural
82.15 festivals and events, including festivals and
82.16 events in greater Minnesota. This is a onetime
82.17 appropriation and is available until June 30,
82.18 2026.

82.19 (c) \$2,000,000 the second year is for a grant
82.20 to the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games to
82.21 expend on providing food and housing to 2026
82.22 Special Olympics USA Games athletes. This
82.23 is a onetime appropriation.

82.24 (d) \$1,250,000 the second year is for a grant
82.25 to the Minneapolis Downtown Council for
82.26 infrastructure and associated costs for the
82.27 Taste of Minnesota event, including but not
82.28 limited to buildout, permits, garbage services,
82.29 staffing, security, equipment rentals, signage,
82.30 and insurance. This is a onetime appropriation.

82.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.1 Sec. 7. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 14, section 3, is amended to read:

83.2 Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
83.3 **INDUSTRY**

\$ -0- \$ 225,000

83.4 This appropriation is for the single-egress
83.5 stairway apartment building report under
83.6 article 15, section 46. This is a onetime
83.7 appropriation and is available until June 30,
83.8 2026.

83.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.10 Sec. 8. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION; JOB CREATION FUND.**

83.11 \$3,000,000 of the appropriation in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund as appropriated
83.12 under Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (q), is canceled
83.13 to the general fund. This is a onetime cancellation.

83.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

83.15 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

83.16 Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13, is repealed retroactively from July 1, 2024.

83.17 **ARTICLE 3**

83.18 **DEED POLICY**

83.19 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

83.20 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) An economic development project for which a county or
83.21 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

83.22 (1) manufacturing;

83.23 (2) technology;

83.24 (3) warehousing and distribution;

83.25 (4) research and development;

83.26 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading
83.27 livestock or livestock products or plants and plant-based products into goods that are used
83.28 for intermediate or final consumption, including goods for nonfood use; or

(6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time the grant application is made.

(b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8733, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. ~~Revolving loan fund~~ Minnesota expanding opportunity account. (a) ~~The commissioner shall establish a revolving loan fund to make loans to nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation, Tribal economic development entity, and community development financial institution capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.~~ A Minnesota expanding opportunity account is created in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner for revolving loans to nonprofit corporations for the purpose of increasing nonprofit corporation capital and lending activities with Minnesota small businesses.

(b) ~~Nonprofit corporations, Tribal economic development entities, and community development financial institutions~~ that receive loans from the commissioner under the program must establish appropriate accounting practices for the purpose of tracking eligible loans.

(c) All loan repayments must be paid into the Minnesota expanding opportunity account created in this section to fund additional loans.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116J.8752, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The Minnesota forward fund account is created to increase the state's competitiveness by providing the state the authority and flexibility to facilitate private investment. The fund serves as a closing fund to allow the authority and flexibility to negotiate incentives to better compete with other states for business retention, expansion and attraction of projects in existing and new industries, and ~~develop properties for business use, and leverage to meet matching requirements of federal funding~~ for resiliency in economic security and economic enhancement opportunities that provide the public high-quality employment opportunities.

85.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

85.2 Subd. 2. **Appointment.** The Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board consists of: seven
85.3 members appointed by the governor, the commissioner of employment and economic
85.4 development or the commissioner's designee, the chancellor, or the chancellor's designee,
85.5 of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the president, or the president's designee,
85.6 of the University of Minnesota, and two nonlegislator members, one appointed by the
85.7 Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration and
85.8 one appointed by the speaker of the house. If the chancellor or the president of the university
85.9 makes a designation under this subdivision, the designee must have experience in technical
85.10 education. Four of the appointed members must be members of the governor's Workforce
85.11 Development Board, of whom two must represent organized labor and two must represent
85.12 business and industry. One of the appointed members must be a representative of a nonprofit
85.13 organization that provides workforce development or job training services.

85.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

85.15 Subdivision 1. **Partnership program.** (a) The partnership program may provide
85.16 grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit educational institutions using the following
85.17 guidelines:

85.18 (1) the educational or other nonprofit educational institution is a provider of training
85.19 within the state in either the public or private sector;

85.20 (2) the program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and

85.21 (3) preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit training institutions which
85.22 serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic
85.23 dislocation and to businesses located in rural areas.

85.24 (b) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion
85.25 of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

85.26 (c) Each institution must provide for the dissemination of summary results of a
85.27 grant-funded project, including, but not limited to, information about curriculum and all
85.28 supporting materials developed in conjunction with the grant. Results of projects developed
85.29 by any Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institution must be disseminated
85.30 throughout the system.

85.31 (d) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a
85.32 15-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Pathways program.** (a) The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

(b) Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

Preference shall be given to projects that:

(1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;

(2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;

(3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and

(4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

(c) Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment of a participating business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind contributions on at least a one-half-to-one ratio by a participating business.

(d) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed ~~\$400,000~~ \$500,000. A portion of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

(e) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a 15-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.05, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Use of workforce development funds.** After ~~March~~ September 1 of any fiscal year, the board may use workforce development funds for the purposes outlined in sections 116L.02 and 116L.04, or to provide incumbent worker training services under section 116L.18 if the following conditions have been met:

87.1 (1) the board examines relevant economic indicators, including the projected number
87.2 of layoffs for the remainder of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year, evidence of declining
87.3 and expanding industries, the number of initial applications for and the number of exhaustions
87.4 of unemployment benefits, job vacancy data, and any additional relevant information brought
87.5 to the board's attention;

87.6 (2) the board accounts for all allocations made in section 116L.17, subdivision 2;

87.7 (3) based on the past expenditures and projected revenue, the board estimates future
87.8 funding needs for services under section 116L.17 for the remainder of the current fiscal
87.9 year and the next fiscal year;

87.10 (4) the board determines there will be unspent funds after meeting the needs of dislocated
87.11 workers in the current fiscal year and there will be sufficient revenue to meet the needs of
87.12 dislocated workers in the next fiscal year; and

87.13 (5) the board reports its findings in clauses (1) to (4) to the chairs of legislative
87.14 committees with jurisdiction over the workforce development fund, to the commissioners
87.15 of revenue and management and budget, and to the public.

87.16 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.562, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.17 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall award grants to eligible
87.18 organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development and training opportunities
87.19 or preemployment services and mentorship opportunities to economically disadvantaged
87.20 or at-risk youth ages 14 to 24.

87.21 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.562, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

87.22 Subd. 3. **Competitive grant awards.** (a) In awarding competitive grants, priority shall
87.23 be given to programs that:

87.24 (1) provide students with information about education and training requirements for
87.25 careers in high-growth, in-demand occupations;

87.26 (2) serve youth from communities of color who are underrepresented in the workforce;
87.27 or

87.28 (3) serve youth with disabilities.

87.29 (b) Eligible organizations must have demonstrated effectiveness in administering youth
87.30 ~~workforce~~ programs and must leverage nonstate or private sector funds.

88.1 (c) New eligible applicants must be youth-serving organizations with significant capacity
88.2 and demonstrable youth development experience and outcomes to operate a youth workforce
88.3 development an eligible project.

88.4 (d) If a program is not operated by a local unit of government or a workforce development
88.5 board, the grant recipient must coordinate the program with the local workforce development
88.6 board.

88.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116L.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
88.9 subdivision have the meanings given.

88.10 (b) "Credential" means ~~postsecondary~~ degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates
88.11 awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational
88.12 skills necessary to obtain employment or advance with an occupation. This definition does
88.13 not include certificates awarded by workforce investment boards or work-readiness
88.14 certificates.

88.15 (c) "Exit" means to have not received service under a workforce program for 90
88.16 consecutive calendar days. The exit date is the last date of service.

88.17 (d) "Net impact" means the use of matched control groups and regression analysis to
88.18 estimate the impacts attributable to program participation net of other factors, including
88.19 observable personal characteristics and economic conditions.

88.20 (e) "Pre-enrollment" means the period of time before an individual was enrolled in a
88.21 workforce program.

88.22 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.05, is amended to read:

88.23 **116U.05 EXPLORE MINNESOTA; ESTABLISHMENT.**

88.24 Explore Minnesota is an office in the executive branch with a director appointed by the
88.25 governor. The director is under the supervision of the commissioner of employment and
88.26 economic development and oversees Explore Minnesota Tourism and, Explore Minnesota
88.27 for Business, and Explore Minnesota Film divisions. The director serves in the unclassified
88.28 service and must be qualified by experience and training in related fields.

89.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.06, is amended to read:

89.2 **116U.06 EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM.**

89.3 Explore Minnesota Tourism ~~is a division of Explore Minnesota and~~ exists to support
89.4 Minnesota's economy through promotion and facilitation of travel to and within the state
89.5 of Minnesota.

89.6 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.15, is amended to read:

89.7 **116U.15 MISSION.**

89.8 (a) The mission of Explore Minnesota is to ~~promote and facilitate increased travel to~~
89.9 ~~and within the state of Minnesota, promote overall livability, and promote workforce and~~
89.10 ~~economic opportunity in Minnesota~~ support the growth of Minnesota's economy through
89.11 the management of the state's tourism, livability and economic opportunity, outdoor
89.12 recreation, film, and other statewide promotion efforts as directed. To further the mission
89.13 of Explore Minnesota, the office is advised by various advisory councils ~~focused on tourism~~
89.14 ~~and talent attraction and business marketing.~~ Its goals are to:

89.15 (1) expand public and private partnerships through increased interagency efforts and
89.16 increased tourism and business industry participation;

89.17 (2) increase productivity through enhanced flexibility and options; and

89.18 (3) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources
89.19 and operate the office as efficiently as possible.

89.20 (b) The director shall report to the legislature on the performance of the office's operations
89.21 and the accomplishment of its goals in the office's biennial budget according to section
89.22 16A.10, subdivision 1.

89.23 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.30, is amended to read:

89.24 **116U.30 DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.**

89.25 (a) The director shall:

89.26 (1) publish, disseminate, and distribute informational and promotional materials;

89.27 (2) ~~promote and encourage the coordination of Explore Minnesota travel, tourism, overall~~
89.28 ~~livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ promotion efforts with other state
89.29 agencies and develop multiagency marketing strategies when appropriate;

90.1 (3) promote and encourage the expansion and development of ~~international tourism,~~
90.2 ~~trade, and Minnesota livability marketing~~ programs that support the mission of the office;

90.3 (4) advertise and disseminate information about ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, and workforce~~
90.4 ~~and economic development opportunities~~ Explore Minnesota and its activities that support
90.5 the mission of the office;

90.6 (5) ~~aid various~~ provide local communities a reasonable level of support to improve their
90.7 ~~travel, tourism, and overall livability~~ marketing programs as they relate to the mission of
90.8 the office;

90.9 (6) coordinate and implement comprehensive state ~~travel, tourism, workforce and~~
90.10 ~~economic development, and overall livability~~ mission-driven marketing programs that take
90.11 into consideration public and private businesses and attractions;

90.12 (7) contract, in accordance with section 16C.08, for professional services if the work or
90.13 services cannot be satisfactorily performed by employees of the agency or by any other
90.14 state agency;

90.15 (8) provide local, regional, and statewide organizations with information, ~~technical~~
90.16 ~~assistance~~ educational opportunities, training, and advice on ~~using state tourism and livability~~
90.17 ~~information and~~ promotional programs related to the office's mission; and

90.18 (9) generally gather, compile, and make available statistical information relating to
90.19 ~~Minnesota travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, overall livability, and~~
90.20 ~~related areas in this state~~ the office's mission. The director has the authority to call upon
90.21 other state agencies for statistical data and results obtained by them and to arrange and
90.22 compile that statistical information.

90.23 (b) The director may:

90.24 (1) apply for, receive, and spend money ~~for travel, tourism, workforce and economic~~
90.25 ~~development, and overall livability development and marketing,~~ as it relates to the mission
90.26 of the office, from other agencies, organizations, and businesses;

90.27 (2) apply for, accept, and disburse grants and other aids for ~~tourism~~ development and
90.28 marketing from the federal government and other sources;

90.29 (3) enter into joint powers or cooperative agreements with agencies of the federal
90.30 government, local governmental units, regional development commissions, other state
90.31 agencies, the University of Minnesota and other educational institutions, other states,
90.32 Canadian provinces, and local, statewide, and regional organizations as necessary to perform
90.33 the director's duties;

91.1 (4) enter into interagency agreements and agree to share net revenues with the contributing
91.2 agencies;

91.3 (5) make grants;

91.4 (6) conduct market research and analysis to improve marketing techniques ~~in the area~~
91.5 ~~of travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability;~~

91.6 (7) monitor and study trends in the related industries and provide resources and training
91.7 to address change;

91.8 (8) annually convene conferences of Minnesota providers for the purposes of exchanging
91.9 information on tourism development, coordinating marketing activities, and formulating
91.10 ~~tourism, overall livability, and workforce and economic opportunity~~ mission-related
91.11 promotion development strategies; and

91.12 (9) enter into promotion contracts or other agreements with private persons and public
91.13 entities, including agreements to establish and maintain offices and other types of
91.14 representation in foreign countries to promote international travel and to implement this
91.15 chapter.

91.16 (c) Contracts for goods and ~~nonprofessional~~ services and professional technical services
91.17 made under paragraph (b), clauses (3) and (9), are not subject to the provisions of sections
91.18 16C.03, subdivision 3, and 16C.06 concerning competitive bidding and section 16C.055
91.19 concerning barter arrangements. Professional technical service contracts that promote
91.20 Minnesota as a tourism travel destination or a talent attraction may be negotiated and are
91.21 not subject to the provisions of chapter 16C relating to competitive bidding.

91.22 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116U.35, is amended to read:

91.23 **116U.35 PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES.**

91.24 To promote ~~travel, tourism, workforce and economic development, and overall livability~~
91.25 ~~of the state~~ programs that align with Explore Minnesota's mission, the director may expend
91.26 money appropriated by the legislature for these purposes in the same manner as private
91.27 persons, firms, corporations, and associations make expenditures for these purposes. Policies
91.28 on promotional expenses must be approved by the commissioner of administration. A policy
91.29 for expenditures on food, lodging, and travel must be approved by the commissioner of
91.30 management and budget. No money may be expended for the appearance in radio or
91.31 television broadcasts by an elected public official.

92.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

92.2 Subd. 7. **Blind, vending ~~stands and machines~~ facilities on governmental property;**
92.3 **liability limited.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, for the rehabilitation of blind persons
92.4 the commissioner shall have exclusive authority to establish and to operate vending ~~stands~~
92.5 ~~and vending machines~~ facilities in all buildings and properties owned or rented exclusively
92.6 by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities at a state university, a community college,
92.7 a consolidated community technical college, or a technical college served by the
92.8 commissioner before January 1, 1996, or by any department or agency of the state of
92.9 Minnesota except the Department of Natural Resources properties operated directly by the
92.10 Division of State Parks and not subject to private leasing. Vending ~~stands and machines~~
92.11 facilities authorized under this subdivision may dispense nonalcoholic beverages, food,
92.12 candies, tobacco, souvenirs, notions, and related items and must be operated on the same
92.13 basis as other vending ~~stands~~ facilities for the blind established and supervised by the
92.14 commissioner under federal law. The commissioner shall waive this authority to displace
92.15 any present private individual concessionaire in any state-owned or rented building or
92.16 property who is operating under a contract with a specific renewal or termination date, until
92.17 the renewal or termination date. With the consent of the governing body of a governmental
92.18 subdivision of the state, the commissioner may establish and supervise vending ~~stands and~~
92.19 ~~vending machines~~ facilities for the blind in any building or property exclusively owned or
92.20 rented by the governmental subdivision.

92.21 (b) The Department of Employment and Economic Development is not liable under
92.22 chapter 176 for any injury sustained by a blind vendor's employee or agent. The Department
92.23 of Employment and Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for
92.24 the acts or omissions of a blind vendor or of a blind vendor's employee or agent that may
92.25 result in the blind vendor's liability to third parties. The Department of Employment and
92.26 Economic Development, its officers, and its agents are not liable for negligence based on
92.27 any theory of liability for claims arising from the relationship created under this subdivision
92.28 with the blind vendor.

92.29 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 248.07, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

92.30 Subd. 8. **Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.** (a)
92.31 The revolving fund created by Laws 1947, chapter 535, section 5, is continued as provided
92.32 in this subdivision and shall be known as the revolving fund for vocational rehabilitation
92.33 of the blind. It shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies for establishing and
92.34 operating of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons. All income, receipts, earnings, and

93.1 federal vending ~~machine~~ facility income due to the operation of vending ~~stands~~ facilities
93.2 operated under this subdivision shall also be paid into the fund. All interest earned on money
93.3 accrued in the fund must be credited to the fund by the commissioner of management and
93.4 budget. All equipment, supplies, and expenses for setting up these ~~stands~~ facilities shall be
93.5 paid for from the fund.

93.6 (b) The commissioner is authorized to use the money available in the revolving fund
93.7 that originated as operational charges to individuals licensed under this subdivision for the
93.8 establishment, operation, and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities by blind persons for
93.9 the following purposes:

93.10 (1) purchase, upkeep and replacement of equipment;

93.11 (2) expenses incidental to the setting up of new ~~stands~~ facilities and improvement of old
93.12 ~~stands~~ facilities;

93.13 (3) reimbursement under section 15.059 to individual blind vending operators for
93.14 reasonable expenses incurred in attending supervisory meetings as called by the commissioner
93.15 and other expenditures for management services consistent with federal law; and

93.16 (4) purchase of fringe benefits for blind vending operators and their employees such as
93.17 group health insurance, retirement program, vacation or sick leave assistance provided that
93.18 the purchase of any fringe benefit is approved by a majority vote of blind vending operators
93.19 licensed pursuant to this subdivision after the commissioner provides to each blind vending
93.20 operator information on all matters relevant to the fringe benefits. "Majority vote" means
93.21 a majority of blind vending operators voting. Fringe benefits shall be paid only from
93.22 assessments of operators for specific benefits, gifts to the fund for fringe benefit purposes,
93.23 and vending income which is not assignable to an individual ~~stand~~ facility.

93.24 (c) Money originally deposited as merchandise and supplies repayments by individuals
93.25 licensed under this subdivision may be expended for initial and replacement stocks of
93.26 supplies and merchandise. Money originally deposited from vending income on federal
93.27 property must be spent consistent with federal law.

93.28 (d) All other deposits may be used for the purchase of general liability insurance or any
93.29 other expense related to the operation and supervision of vending ~~stands~~ facilities.

93.30 (e) The commissioner shall issue each license for the operation of a vending ~~stand~~ facility
93.31 or vending machine for an indefinite period but may terminate any license in the manner
93.32 provided. In granting licenses for new or vacated ~~stands~~ facilities preference on the basis
93.33 of seniority of experience in operating ~~stands~~ facilities under the control of the commissioner

94.1 shall be given to capable operators who are deemed competent to handle the enterprise
94.2 under consideration. Application of this preference shall not prohibit the commissioner from
94.3 selecting an operator from the community in which the ~~stand~~ facility is located.

94.4 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.54, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

94.5 Subd. 4. **Credit for parking revenue.** (a) By March 1 of the year following the year in
94.6 which the parking facilities or structures are constructed within the district, the city must
94.7 certify to the commissioner:

94.8 (1) the total amount of revenue generated by the parking facilities and structures in the
94.9 preceding year; and

94.10 (2) the total amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of the facilities
94.11 or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year.

94.12 (b) By July 1 of each year thereafter, for a period of 25 years, the commissioner must
94.13 confirm or revise the amounts as reported. An amount equal to 50 percent of the amount of
94.14 revenue received by the city by the parking structures and facilities in the ~~previous~~ preceding
94.15 year that is greater than the amount necessary for operational and maintenance expenses of
94.16 the facilities or structures in the ~~current~~ preceding year must be paid by the city to the
94.17 commissioner of employment and economic development by September 1 for deposit into
94.18 the general fund.

94.19 Sec. 19. **REPEALER.**

94.20 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116L.35; and 116L.98, subdivision 7, are repealed.

94.21 ARTICLE 4

94.22 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY POLICY

94.23 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 177.27, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

94.24 Subd. 5. **Civil actions.** The commissioner may bring an action in the district court where
94.25 an employer resides or where the commissioner maintains an office to enforce or require
94.26 compliance with orders issued under subdivision 4. In addition to any other remedy provided
94.27 by law, the commissioner may also apply in the district court where an employer resides or
94.28 where the commissioner maintains an office for an order enjoining and restraining violations
94.29 of any statute or rule listed in subdivision 4.

95.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.211, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

95.2 Subd. 7. **Nursing home.** "Nursing home" means a nursing home licensed under chapter
95.3 144A and reimbursed under chapter 256R, or a boarding care home licensed under sections
95.4 144.50 to 144.56 and reimbursed under chapter 256R.

95.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.211, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

95.6 Subd. 8. **Nursing home employer.** "Nursing home employer" means an employer of
95.7 nursing home workers in a ~~licensed, Medicaid-certified facility that is reimbursed under~~
95.8 ~~chapter 256R~~ nursing home as defined under subdivision 7.

95.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.988, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

95.10 Subd. 2. **Covenants not to compete void and unenforceable.** (a) Any covenant not to
95.11 compete contained in a contract or agreement is void and unenforceable.

95.12 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a covenant not to compete is valid and enforceable
95.13 if:

95.14 (1) the covenant not to compete restricts an employee from engaging in competition for
95.15 no more than one year and the employee received a clear, written explanation of the covenant
95.16 not to compete prior to entering into the contract or agreement, and either:

95.17 (i) the employee has an annual budgeted salary and bonus of \$200,000 or more and
95.18 whose primary duties include:

95.19 (A) the creation, analysis, or modification of trade secret information; or

95.20 (B) management of a project, team, or department with primary responsibility over the
95.21 creation, analysis, or modification of trade secret information; or

95.22 (ii) the employee has an annual budgeted salary and bonus of \$500,000 or more regardless
95.23 of the employee's primary job duties;

95.24 ~~(1)~~ (2) the covenant not to compete is agreed upon during the sale of a business. The
95.25 person selling the business and the partners, members, or shareholders, and the buyer of the
95.26 business may agree on a temporary and geographically restricted covenant not to compete
95.27 that will prohibit the seller of the business from carrying on a similar business within a
95.28 reasonable geographic area and for a reasonable length of time; or

95.29 ~~(2)~~ (3) the covenant not to compete is agreed upon in anticipation of the dissolution of
95.30 a business. The partners, members, or shareholders, upon or in anticipation of a dissolution
95.31 of a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation may agree that all or any number

96.1 of the parties will not carry on a similar business within a reasonable geographic area where
96.2 the business has been transacted.

96.3 (c) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to render void or unenforceable any
96.4 other provisions in a contract or agreement containing a void or unenforceable covenant
96.5 not to compete.

96.6 (d) In addition to injunctive relief and any other remedies available, a court may award
96.7 an employee who is enforcing rights under this section reasonable attorney fees.

96.8 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "trade secret" means all forms and
96.9 types of scientific, technical, or engineering information, including patterns, plans,
96.10 compilations, program devices, formulas, designs, prototypes, methods, techniques, processes,
96.11 procedures, programs, or codes; whether tangible or intangible, and whether or how stored,
96.12 compiled, or memorialized physically, electronically, graphically, photographically, or in
96.13 writing, if:

96.14 (1) the owner thereof has taken reasonable measures to keep such information secret;
96.15 and

96.16 (2) the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not
96.17 being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by,
96.18 another person who can obtain economic value from the disclosure or use of the information.

96.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

96.20 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.0981, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

96.21 Subd. 4. **Internet continuing education.** (a) The design and delivery of an Internet
96.22 continuing education course must be approved by the International Distance Education
96.23 Certification Center (IDECC) or the International ~~Association~~ Accreditors for Continuing
96.24 Education and Training (IACET) before the course is submitted for the commissioner's
96.25 approval. The approval must accompany the course submitted.

96.26 (b) Paragraphs (a) and (d) do not apply to approval of an Internet continuing education
96.27 course for manufactured home installers. An Internet continuing education course for
96.28 manufactured home installers must be approved by the United States Department of Housing
96.29 and Urban Development or by the commissioner of labor and industry. The approval must
96.30 accompany the course completion certificate issued to each student by the course sponsor.

96.31 (c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to approval of an Internet continuing education course
96.32 for elevator constructors. An Internet continuing education course for elevator constructors

97.1 must be approved by the commissioner of labor and industry. The approval must accompany
97.2 the course completion certificate issued to each student by the course sponsor.

97.3 (d) An Internet continuing education course must:

97.4 (1) specify the minimum computer system requirements;

97.5 (2) provide encryption that ensures that all personal information, including the student's
97.6 name, address, and credit card number, cannot be read as it passes across the Internet;

97.7 (3) include technology to guarantee seat time;

97.8 (4) include a high level of interactivity;

97.9 (5) include graphics that reinforce the content;

97.10 (6) include the ability for the student to contact an instructor or course sponsor within
97.11 a reasonable amount of time;

97.12 (7) include the ability for the student to get technical support within a reasonable amount
97.13 of time;

97.14 (8) include a statement that the student's information will not be sold or distributed to
97.15 any third party without prior written consent of the student. Taking the course does not
97.16 constitute consent;

97.17 (9) be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, excluding minimal downtime for
97.18 updating and administration, except that this provision does not apply to live courses taught
97.19 by an actual instructor and delivered over the Internet;

97.20 (10) provide viewing access to the online course at all times to the commissioner,
97.21 excluding minimal downtime for updating and administration;

97.22 (11) include a process to authenticate the student's identity;

97.23 (12) inform the student and the commissioner how long after its purchase a course will
97.24 be accessible;

97.25 (13) inform the student that license education credit will not be awarded for taking the
97.26 course after it loses its status as an approved course;

97.27 (14) provide clear instructions on how to navigate through the course;

97.28 (15) provide automatic bookmarking at any point in the course;

97.29 (16) provide questions after each unit or chapter that must be answered before the student
97.30 can proceed to the next unit or chapter;

98.1 (17) include a reinforcement response when a quiz question is answered correctly;

98.2 (18) include a response when a quiz question is answered incorrectly;

98.3 (19) include a final examination in which the student must correctly answer 70 percent
98.4 of the questions;

98.5 (20) allow the student to go back and review any unit at any time, except during the final
98.6 examination;

98.7 (21) provide a course evaluation at the end of the course. At a minimum, the evaluation
98.8 must ask the student to report any difficulties caused by the online education delivery
98.9 method;

98.10 (22) provide a completion certificate when the course and exam have been completed
98.11 and the provider has verified the completion. Electronic certificates are sufficient and shall
98.12 include the name of the provider, date and location of the course, educational program
98.13 identification that was provided by the department, hours of instruction or continuing
98.14 education hours, and licensee's or attendee's name and license, certification, or registration
98.15 number or the last four digits of the licensee's or attendee's Social Security number; and

98.16 (23) allow the commissioner the ability to electronically review the class to determine
98.17 if credit can be approved.

98.18 (e) The final examination must be either an encrypted online examination or a paper
98.19 examination that is monitored by a proctor who certifies that the student took the examination.

98.20 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

98.21 Subd. 2. **Installation requirements.** (a) The installation of underground
98.22 telecommunications infrastructure that is located within ten feet of existing underground
98.23 utilities or that crosses the existing underground utilities must be performed by
98.24 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers as follows:

98.25 (1) the location of existing utilities by hand- or hydro-excavation or other accepted
98.26 methods must be performed by a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer;
98.27 and

98.28 (2) where telecommunications infrastructure is installed by means of directional drilling,
98.29 the monitoring of the location and depth of the drill head must be performed by a
98.30 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer; ~~and.~~

99.1 ~~(3) no fewer than two safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers must~~
99.2 ~~be present at all times at any location where telecommunications infrastructure is being~~
99.3 ~~installed by means of directional drilling.~~

99.4 ~~(b) Beginning July 1, 2025, all installations of underground telecommunications~~
99.5 ~~infrastructure subject to this subdivision within the seven-county metropolitan area must~~
99.6 ~~be performed by safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers that meet the~~
99.7 ~~requirements of this subdivision.~~

99.8 ~~(e)~~ (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, all installations of underground telecommunications
99.9 infrastructure subject to this subdivision within this state must be performed by
99.10 safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers that meet the requirements of
99.11 this subdivision.

99.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

99.13 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.198, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

99.14 Subd. 3. **Certification Standards.** (a) The commissioner of labor and industry, in
99.15 consultation with the Office of Broadband, shall approve standards for a safety-qualified
99.16 underground telecommunications installer certification program that requires a person to:

99.17 (1) complete a 40-hour initial course that includes classroom and hands-on instruction
99.18 covering proper work procedures for safe installation of underground utilities, including:

99.19 (i) regulations applicable to excavation near existing utilities;

99.20 (ii) identification, location, and verification of utility lines using hand- or
99.21 hydro-excavation or other accepted methods;

99.22 (iii) response to line strike incidents;

99.23 (iv) traffic control procedures;

99.24 (v) use of a tracking device to safely guide directional drill equipment along a drill path;
99.25 and

99.26 (vi) avoidance and mitigation of safety hazards posed by underground utility installation
99.27 projects;

99.28 (2) demonstrate knowledge of the course material by successfully completing an
99.29 examination approved by the commissioner; and

99.30 (3) complete a four-hour refresher course within three years of completing the original
99.31 course and every three years thereafter in order to maintain certification.

(b) The commissioner must develop an approval process for training providers under this subdivision and may suspend or revoke the approval of any training provider that fails to demonstrate consistent delivery of approved curriculum or success in preparing participants to complete the examination.

(c) An approved training provider may apply for approval of classroom instruction course material delivered up to two years prior to becoming an approved training provider and before January 1, 2026, as being equivalent or substantially equivalent to classroom instruction course material that is contained in the approved program. An application must provide a copy of all written materials used for the training for which equivalent credit is sought, the specific subjects covered in the training, the name and qualifications of the training provider, a description of the delivery method for the training, and the date of the training. Once approved, a training provider may grant full or partial retroactive credit for completion of classroom instruction training delivered prior to the commissioner's decision to approve a program. A person granted retroactive credit must successfully complete the examination that the training provider is approved to administer in order to be certified as a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.31, subdivision 29, is amended to read:

Subd. 29. **Technology circuits or systems.** "Technology circuits or systems" means class 2 ~~or~~, class 3, or class 4 circuits or systems for, but not limited to, remote control, signaling, control, alarm, and audio signal, including associated components as covered by the National Electrical Code, ~~articles 640, 645, 650, 725, 760, 770, and 780,~~ and which are isolated from circuits or systems other than class 2 ~~or~~, class 3, or class 4 by a demarcation and are not process control circuits or systems; antenna and communication circuits or systems as covered by ~~chapter 8 of the~~ National Electrical Code; and circuitry and equipment ~~for indoor lighting and outdoor landscape lighting systems that are supplied by the secondary circuit of an isolating power supply operating at 30 volts or less as~~ for low-voltage lighting, limited to a class 2 or class 3 power supply covered by the Low-Voltage Lighting article in the National Electrical Code, article 411. The planning, laying out, installing, altering, and repairing of technology circuits or systems must be performed in accordance with the applicable requirements of the National Electrical Code pursuant to section 326B.35.

101.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 326B.33, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

101.2 Subd. 21. **Exemptions from licensing.** (a) An individual who is a maintenance electrician
101.3 is not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if:

101.4 (1) the individual is engaged in the maintenance and repair of electrical equipment,
101.5 apparatus, and facilities that are owned or leased by the individual's employer and that are
101.6 located within the limits of property operated, maintained, and either owned or leased by
101.7 the individual's employer;

101.8 (2) the individual is supervised by:

101.9 (i) the responsible master electrician for a contractor who has contracted with the
101.10 individual's employer to provide services for which a contractor's license is required; or

101.11 (ii) a licensed master electrician, a licensed maintenance electrician, an electrical engineer,
101.12 or, if the maintenance and repair work is limited to technology circuits or systems work, a
101.13 licensed power limited technician; and

101.14 (3) the individual's employer has on file with the commissioner a current certificate of
101.15 responsible person, signed by the responsible master electrician of the contractor, the licensed
101.16 master electrician, the licensed maintenance electrician, the electrical engineer, or the
101.17 licensed power limited technician, and stating that the person signing the certificate is
101.18 responsible for ensuring that the maintenance and repair work performed by the employer's
101.19 employees complies with the Minnesota Electrical Act and the rules adopted under that act.
101.20 The employer must pay a filing fee to file a certificate of responsible person with the
101.21 commissioner. The certificate shall expire two years from the date of filing. In order to
101.22 maintain a current certificate of responsible person, the employer must resubmit a certificate
101.23 of responsible person, with a filing fee, no later than two years from the date of the previous
101.24 submittal.

101.25 (b) Employees of a licensed electrical or technology systems contractor or other employer
101.26 where provided with supervision by a master electrician in accordance with subdivision 1,
101.27 or power limited technician in accordance with subdivision 7, paragraph (a), clause (1), are
101.28 not required to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 for the planning, laying
101.29 out, installing, altering, and repairing of technology circuits or systems except planning,
101.30 laying out, or installing:

101.31 (1) in other than residential dwellings, class 2 or class 3 remote control circuits that
101.32 control circuits or systems other than class 2 or class 3, except circuits that interconnect

102.1 these systems through communication, alarm, and security systems are exempted from this
102.2 paragraph;

102.3 (2) class 2 or class 3 circuits in electrical cabinets, enclosures, or devices containing
102.4 physically unprotected circuits other than class 2 or class 3; ~~or~~

102.5 (3) class 4 circuits or systems; or

102.6 ~~(3)~~ (4) technology circuits or systems in hazardous classified locations as covered by
102.7 the National Electrical Code.

102.8 (c) Companies and their employees that plan, lay out, install, alter, or repair class 2 and
102.9 class 3 remote control wiring associated with plug or cord and plug connected appliances
102.10 other than security or fire alarm systems installed in a residential dwelling are not required
102.11 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399.

102.12 (d) Heating, ventilating, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and their
102.13 employees are not required to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399
102.14 when performing heating, ventilating, air conditioning, or refrigeration work as described
102.15 in section 326B.38.

102.16 (e) Employees of any electrical, communications, or railway utility, cable communications
102.17 company as defined in section 238.02, or a telephone company as defined under section
102.18 237.01 or its employees, or of any independent contractor performing work on behalf of
102.19 any such utility, cable communications company, or telephone company, shall not be required
102.20 to hold a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399:

102.21 (1) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are owned
102.22 or leased, and operated and maintained by such utility, cable communications company, or
102.23 telephone company in the exercise of its utility, antenna, or telephone function, and which:

102.24 (i) are used exclusively for the generation, transformation, distribution, transmission, or
102.25 metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the transmission of
102.26 intelligence and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use of electric current
102.27 or provided service by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable
102.28 communications company, or telephone company; ~~and~~

102.29 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications
102.30 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and

102.31 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for communication
102.32 systems;

103.1 (2) while performing work on installations, materials, or equipment which are a part of
103.2 the street lighting operations of such utility; or

103.3 (3) while installing or performing work on outdoor area lights which are directly
103.4 connected to a utility's distribution system and located upon the utility's distribution poles,
103.5 and which are generally accessible only to employees of such utility or persons acting under
103.6 its control or direction.

103.7 (f) An individual who physically performs electrical work on a residential dwelling that
103.8 is located on a property the individual owns and actually occupies as a residence or owns
103.9 and will occupy as a residence upon completion of its construction is not required to hold
103.10 or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 if the residential dwelling has a
103.11 separate electrical utility service not shared with any other residential dwelling.

103.12 (g) Companies and their employees licensed under section 326B.164 shall not be required
103.13 to hold or obtain a license under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399 while performing elevator
103.14 work.

103.15 Sec. 10. **MISCLASSIFICATION FRAUD IMPACT REPORT.**

103.16 (a) Every two years, the commissioners of revenue, employment and economic
103.17 development, and labor and industry must coordinate to conduct an analysis of the costs of
103.18 misclassification to illustrate how misclassification impacts misclassified workers,
103.19 government programs, and tax collections.

103.20 (b) By January 15 of every odd-numbered year, beginning January 15, 2027, the
103.21 commissioner of labor and industry must report on the analysis performed under paragraph
103.22 (a) to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
103.23 over taxes, workforce, and labor. The commissioner of labor and industry may contract
103.24 with external experts or an independent third party to conduct a study, develop a report, and
103.25 perform other functions.

103.26 (c) At a minimum, the study and report must provide:

103.27 (1) an estimate of the number of workers experiencing misclassification in Minnesota;

103.28 (2) an estimate of the cost of misclassification to impacted workers;

103.29 (3) an estimate of the prevalence of misclassification by industry; and

103.30 (4) an estimate of the impact to:

103.31 (i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;

- 104.1 (ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;
- 104.2 (iii) state income tax collection;
- 104.3 (iv) the workers' compensation fund; and
- 104.4 (v) the workforce development fund.
- 104.5 (d) Data and information relevant to the required report elements in paragraph (c) must
- 104.6 be provided to the commissioner of labor and industry for purposes of the study and report,
- 104.7 including but not limited to the following:
- 104.8 (1) from the Department of Employment and Economic Development, information and
- 104.9 data relevant to:
- 104.10 (i) the unemployment insurance trust fund;
- 104.11 (ii) the family and medical benefit insurance account;
- 104.12 (iii) unemployment insurance program audits and findings; and
- 104.13 (iv) the workforce development fund;
- 104.14 (2) from the Department of Revenue, information and data relevant to:
- 104.15 (i) misclassification tax audits and findings;
- 104.16 (ii) income tax collection; and
- 104.17 (iii) 1099 filings; and
- 104.18 (3) from the Department of Labor and Industry, information and data relevant to:
- 104.19 (i) misclassification complaints, investigations, and findings; and
- 104.20 (ii) the workers' compensation fund."
- 104.21 Delete the title and insert:
- 104.22 "A bill for an act
- 104.23 relating to jobs; establishing a biennial budget for workforce, labor, and economic
- 104.24 development; appropriating money for the Department of Employment and
- 104.25 Economic Development, Explore Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry,
- 104.26 Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and Bureau of Mediation Services;
- 104.27 making various policy and technical changes; requiring reports; amending
- 104.28 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.431, subdivision 2; 116J.8733, subdivision
- 104.29 4; 116J.8752, subdivision 2; 116L.03, subdivision 2; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a;
- 104.30 116L.05, subdivision 5; 116L.562, subdivisions 1, 3; 116L.98, subdivision 2;
- 104.31 116U.05; 116U.06; 116U.15; 116U.30; 116U.35; 177.27, subdivision 5; 181.211,
- 104.32 subdivisions 7, 8; 181.988, subdivision 2; 248.07, subdivisions 7, 8; 326B.0981,
- 104.33 subdivision 4; 326B.198, subdivisions 2, 3; 326B.31, subdivision 29; 326B.33,
- 104.34 subdivision 21; 469.54, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section
- 104.35 2, subdivisions 2, as amended, 3, as amended; article 21, section 7, as amended;

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Laws 2023, chapter 64, article 15, section 30; Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1,

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sections 2, subdivision 3; 4; Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 14, section 3; repealing

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Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116L.35; 116L.98, subdivision 7; Laws 2024,

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chapter 120, article 1, section 13."

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With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General

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This Committee action taken May 6, 2025

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