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Overview

Article 1 of this bill contains appropriations and rider language.

Article 2 contains policy language. This article includes increases in fees collected by the department of commerce, changes to the membership of the iron range resources and rehabilitation board, the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the world trade center corporation to the Minnesota trade office, and the school stability initiative.

Article 3 relates to workforce development.

Article 1

Section

1 Economic development; appropriations. Fund summary.

2 Trade and economic development.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Business and community development.

For Minnesota investment fund grants.

For grants to Advantage Minnesota, Inc. Requires a one-to-one match.

For the job skills partnership program. A part of this appropriation is from the workforce development fund.

From the workforce development fund, for the pathways program.

From the state's TANF block grant, for the pathways program. Provides that the legislature intends to reduce the base funding for the pathways program in the 2002-2003 biennium.

For the city of Fridley, for infrastructure improvements.

From fees collected by the public facilities authority, for administration of the authority's programs.

For community resources program allocations.

For grants to the board of the rural policy and development center for operation of the center. Requires a one-to-one match.

For grants to the metropolitan economic development association.

For grants to WomenVenture. Requires WomenVenture to implement a program to assist women in entering nontraditional careers.

For grants to the St. Paul rehabilitation center.

For a grant to the city of Windom to provide loans to assist an expanding business.

For a grant to the Camp Heartland center for certain capital expenditures. This is a one-time appropriation.

For the contamination cleanup and development grant program.

For a grant to the city of Lake Benton for planning costs for a new visitor center. This is a one-time appropriation.

For microenterprise technical assistance.

For a grant to the Chatfield brass band music lending library.

For a grant to the Duluth Economic Development Authority for the purchase and installation of railroad ties to improve the Lake Superior Mississippi Railroad scenic railway.

For a grant to the city of Lanesboro for pre-development costs for the Root River Regional Arts Center.

For grants to county and district agricultural societies by a competitive need-based grant process.

For rural job creation grants.

For the Duluth Technology Village. Requires a one-to-one match.

For the Grimm Farmstead.

To the City of Ely, for the Ely Technical Building.

For the City of St. Paul for improvements to the West 7th Street/Gateway area. Requires a one-to-one match.

For the redevelopment account.

For the Perham Business Technology Center.

For the City of Owatonna for infrastructure improvements. *This appropriation was line-item vetoed.*

Subd. 3. Minnesota Trade Office. DTED shall act as lead agency in developing a plan for a coordinated effort to market Minnesota internationally.

Subd. 4. Tourism. Provides that a part of the appropriation for marketing activities requires a nonstate match. Requires the commissioner to give priority to organizations with year-round activities, projects covering more than one area, and projects that attract nonresident travelers. Provides that unexpended funds must be placed in a special advertising account.

May be spent for a grant to the Minnesota Festivals and Events Association.

For the Upper Red Lake business loan program.

For the Minnesota film board. Part of the appropriation requires a match of one dollar for every three dollars appropriated. A part of the appropriation is for grants to the film board for a jobs fund to reimburse film producers for a portion of the wages they pay to Minnesotans for film production.

For a grant to promote tourism in the Mille Lacs area. This is a one-time appropriation.

For a grant to promote tourism in the Northwest Angle area.

For a grant to the Mississippi River parkway commission.

Subd. 5. Administration.

For enhancements to the journey travel destination system. One-time appropriation.

Requires a one-to-one match.

Subd. 6. Information and analysis.

3 Minnesota Technology, Inc. Provides that the legislature intends to restore the base funding in the 2002-2003 biennium.

For grants to the Minnesota inventors congress.

For grants to the Minnesota cold weather research center. Requires a report on the sources and amounts of nonstate matching funds and the effectiveness of the center's programs in providing economic development benefits.

For grants to Minnesota Project Innovation. Provides that Minnesota Project Innovation is to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

For grants to the Natural Resources Research Institute.

For grants to the Minnesota Council for Quality.

4 Economic Security.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Rehabilitation services.

For centers for independent living.

From the state's TANF block grant, to provide welfare-to-work extended employment services to welfare recipients with severe impairments to employment. Limits administrative costs. This is a one-time appropriation.

For employment support services for persons with mental illness.

For a grant to the Minnesota employment center for deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Part of this appropriation is from the workforce development fund.

Beginning in fiscal year 2000, to increase the reimbursement rates for extended employment services by ten percent. This appropriation is added to the agency's base.

For a grant to Advocating Change Together, Inc. for training and empowerment of individuals with mental illness or other developmental disabilities. This is a one-time appropriation from the workforce development fund. *This appropriation was line-item vetoed.*

Subd. 3. State Services for the Blind.

To convert the communication center to digital technology and move the radio talking book program to a different frequency. This is a one-time appropriation that requires a one-to-one private match. The appropriation for the second year is not available until the commissioners of finance and economic security have reviewed the operation of the state services for the blind and addressed issues related to the budget deficiency.

Subd. 4. Workforce preparation.

From the workforce development fund, for job training programs.

For displaced homemaker programs. Requires the commissioner to develop a plan for a sliding scale fee structure for these programs. Of this appropriation, a part is for the St. Paul District 5 Planning Council for community work empowerment support groups.

This part of the displaced homemaker program appropriation was line-item vetoed.

To match available U.S. Department of Labor welfare-to-work funds. This appropriation is from the workforce development fund.

For youth intervention programs.

For the Youthbuild program. Provides that Youthbuild programs qualify as approved training for the purposes of Department of Labor and Industry rules relating to child labor. A part of this appropriation is for the Youthbuild Tech program.

For youth violence prevention programs to match a federal block grant. This is a one-time appropriation.

For enterprise zone incentive grants.

Provides for a transfer from the dedicated workforce investment fund to the general fund.

Subd. 5. Workforce exchange. Requires the commissioner to develop a plan to reduce the number of line managers in workforce centers and to reduce the operating costs of the centers.

For asset preservation and facility repair.

From federal money appropriated under the Reed Act, for systems development for electronic communications with customers under the job service and reemployment insurance programs.

From federal money appropriated under the Reed Act, for systems development for electronic communications with employers under the reemployment insurance program.

5 Housing Finance Agency.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program.

Subd. 3. Rental assistance for the mentally ill. For a rental housing assistance program for persons who are mentally ill.

Subd. 4. Family homelessness prevention. A part of this appropriation for family homeless prevention and assistance is from the state's TANF block grant. States legislative intent with respect to future base funding. Part of this appropriation is for grants to organizations that provide services to people who need to rehabilitate their rental histories and find rental housing.

Subd. 5. Mortgage foreclosure prevention.

Subd. 6. Rental assistance for family stabilization. This appropriation is from the state's TANF block grant. States legislative intent with respect to future base funding.

Subd. 7. Housing trust fund. A part of this appropriation must be used for transitional housing.

Subd. 8. Affordable rental investment fund. This includes appropriations to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation, and debt restructuring of federally assisted rental property as well as making equity take-out loans. Places conditions on the use of these funds, including an effort to finance an equal number of units in the metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. A part of this appropriation is a one-time appropriation.

Subd. 9. Urban Indian housing program. Does not appropriate funds for this program. Provides that the legislature intends for the agency to use accumulated reserves to fund the program during the 2000-2001 biennium, and that the base will be restored in fiscal year 2002.

Subd. 10. Tribal Indian housing program.

Subd. 11. Rural and urban homesteading.

Subd. 12. Capacity building grants.

Subd. 13. Community rehabilitation program. A part of this appropriation in each year is one-time. A part of this appropriation is for full-cycle home ownership and purchase-rehabilitation lending initiatives. The appropriation for the home equity counseling program has been added to this program (these two programs are to be combined). A part of this appropriation is for grants to a statewide organization that advocates on behalf of persons with mental retardation or related conditions.

Subd. 14. Housing rehabilitation and accessibility program.

Subd. 15. Home ownership assistance fund.

Subd. 16. Employer matching grants.

Subd. 17. School stability project. This is a one-time appropriation.

Subd. 18. Innovative and inclusionary housing program. Half of this appropriation goes to the metropolitan council for metro area projects, and the other half goes to MHFA for nonmetro projects.

Subd. 19. Cancellations.

6 Commerce.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Financial examinations.

Subd. 3. Registration and insurance. A part of this appropriation is from the special revenue fund, and is for an educational campaign regarding "mortgage flipping."

Subd. 4. Enforcement and licensing.

Subd. 5. Petroleum tank release cleanup board. Appropriated from the petroleum tank release cleanup fund.

Subd. 6. Administrative services. Parts of this appropriation are for technological improvements.

7 Board of accountancy.

8 Board of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and interior design.

9 Board of barber examiners.

10 Board of boxing. The board sunsets in the year 2000.

11 Labor and industry.

Subd. 1. Total appropriation.

Subd. 2. Workers' compensation. This appropriation is from the workers' compensation fund. A part of this appropriation is for grants to the Vinland Center.

Subd. 3. Workplace services. A part of this appropriation from the workforce development fund is for labor education and advancement program grants.

Subd. 4. General support.

12 Bureau of mediation services.

13 Workers' compensation court of appeals. This appropriation is from the workers' compensation fund.

14 Labor interpretive center. Provides that the legislature intends for the center to increase the nonstate share of its operating budget. *This appropriation was line-item vetoed.*

- 15 **Public utilities commission.**
- 16 **Department of public service.**
Subd. 1. Total appropriation.
Subd. 2. Telecommunications.
Subd. 3. Weights and measures.
Subd. 4. Information and operations management.
Subd. 5. Energy. A part of this appropriation is for transfer to the energy and conservation account for programs to improve the energy efficiency of residential oil-fired heating plants in low-income households and to provide weatherization services.
- 17 **Minnesota historical society.**
Subd. 1. Total appropriation.
Subd. 2. Education and outreach. A part of this appropriation is for the Northwest Fur Company post.
Subd. 3. Preservation and access. A part of this appropriation is for historic site repair and maintenance.
Subd. 4. Information program delivery.
Subd. 5. Fiscal agent.
(a) Sibley House Association.
(b) Minnesota International Center.
(c) Minnesota Air National Guard Museum.
(d) Institute for Learning and Teaching - Project 120.
(e) Minnesota Military Museum.
(f) Farmamerica.
(g) Winona County Historical Society.
(h) Bruentrup Farm historical building relocation.
(i) Fishing Museum planning, Little Falls.
(j) Fridley Historical Museum grant.
(k) Balances forward. Provides that any unencumbered balance remaining in this subdivision the first year does not cancel but is available for the second year.
- 18 **Minnesota municipal board.**
- 19 **Council on Black Minnesotans.** A part of this appropriation is for Dr. Martin Luther King Day activities.
- 20 **Council on Chicano-Latino affairs.**
- 21 **Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans.**
- 22 **Indian affairs council.**
- 23 **Office of strategic and long-range planning.** To assume responsibilities resulting from the sunset of the municipal board.
- 24 **Military Affairs.** Part of this appropriation from the workforce development fund is for coordinating agreements to allow Camp Ripley to be used for certain soft-skill job training purposes.
- 25 **Administration.** For the low-income energy task force study.

- 1 Fees.** This section eliminates certain transaction fees paid to the commissioner of commerce.
- 2-14 Fees.** These sections increase fees paid to the commissioner of commerce. Fees increased include:
- licensing fees for currency exchanges (sections 2 and 3), risk management vendors and insurance plan administrators (section 5), reinsurance intermediary-brokers and intermediary-managers (section 6), insurance agents (section 7), rate service organizations (section 9), insurance adjusters (section 10), and membership camping contract salespeople and brokers (sections 13 and 14);
 - filing fees for insurance companies (section 4);
 - application and renewal fees for automobile self-insurance (section 8); and
 - registration fees for employee leasing firms (section 11).
- 15 Criminal penalty.** Provides that certain violations of the statutes governing real estate appraisers constitute a gross misdemeanor. (This is connected to the "mortgage flipping" bill.)
- 16 Department may not operate as travel agency.** Prohibits DTED from operating a travel reservation system in competition with private sector travel agents.
- 17 Certification of electronic-commerce-ready cities and counties.** Provides for the designation of cities or counties as electronic-commerce-ready when they have met certain requirements. The department of trade and economic development is to provide the certification.
- 18 Loan criteria.** Increases the maximum loan that may be made under the challenge grant program from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- 19 Governance.** Adds an appointed public member to the board of the rural policy and development center.
- 20 Duties.** Adds research to the duties of the rural policy and development center.
- 21 Use of appropriation.** Provides that the rural policy and development center board may expend appropriated amounts to operate the center and perform its duties.
- 22 Board compensation.** Provides that compensation of board members of the rural policy and development center is as generally provided by statute for most boards.
- 23 Minnesota minerals 21st century fund.**
- Subd. 1. Created.** Creates the Minnesota minerals 21st century fund and appropriates the money in the fund to the commissioner of DTED.
 - Subd. 2. Use of fund.** Provides that the fund will be used to make loans or equity investments in mineral processing facilities. Requires the commissioner to take certain steps in administering the fund.
 - Subd. 3. Requirements prior to committing funds.** Requires the commissioner, prior to committing funds, to do due diligence research regarding the investment.
 - Subd. 4. Requirements for fund disbursements.** Provides for conditional commitments of funds.
 - Subd. 5. Company contribution.** Allows the commissioner to give loans or grants to match funds provided by the facility owner.
- 24 IRRRB contribution.** Requires the IRRRB to provide a match for any investment made by the Minnesota minerals 21st century fund.
- 25 Office of tourism; activities.** Modifies the provisions governing the office of tourism's expenditures for marketing and other purposes.
- 26 Technical assistance; loan administration.** Clarifies the definition of eligible recipients for microbusiness loans.

- 27 **Grant eligibility and allocation.** Provides that an application by a nonprofit organization for a grant to provide microbusiness loans must state how many eligible businesses are to be assisted with the grant requested.
- 28 **World trade center.**
Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms related to the world trade center.
Subd. 2. Generally. Provides that the commissioner shall support Minnesota world trade center programs and promote the world trade center.
Subd. 3. Powers. Outlines powers of the commissioner related to the world trade center, including providing services, setting and collecting fees, adopting membership requirements for an association of members of the Minnesota world trade center, acquiring and disposing of property, and entering into contracts and agreements.
Subd. 4. Duties. Outlines duties of the commissioner related to the world trade center. These include promoting the center, sponsoring conferences and programs, and avoiding duplication of programs provided by the department of agriculture.
Subd. 5. Promotional expenses. Allows the commissioner to spend money to carry out this section.
Subd. 6. World trade center account. Provides that the world trade center account is in the special revenue fund. Provides that revenue received by the commissioner in connection with use of the center must be deposited in the account. Appropriates the money in the account to the commissioner for the purposes of the world trade center.
Subd. 7. Service information; classification of data. Provides that service information, including data bases, purchased by the commissioner for sale pursuant to this section, is not subject to the data practices act. Defines certain business and financial data collected by the commissioner as private data on individuals and nonpublic data not on individuals.
- 29 **Terms.** Provides that compensation for the job skills partnership board is as provided in the statutes generally dealing with compensation of board members.
- 30 **Pathways program.** Eliminates reference to administrators of the Job Training Partnership Act. This federal statute is being replaced by the Workforce Investment Act. Increases the limit on the size of a grant to any particular institution.
- 31 **Loan terms.** Increases the maximum term of loans that may be made to employers by the job skills partnership board from two years to five years.
- 32 **Powers and duties; commissioner of the department of labor and industry.** Allows the commissioner to apply for, receive, and spend money received from government and private sources, as well as apply for, accept, and disburse grants.
- 33 **Application fee.** Increases fees to be paid by applicants to self-insure for workers' compensation liability.
- 34 **Renewable energy.** Creates a new class of qualified wind energy generators that is eligible for incentive payments under section 216C.41. The facility must produce seven megawatts or less of electricity and must be owned by a cooperative.
- 35 **Incentive payment.** Expands eligibility for incentive payments to publicly owned hydropower facilities.
- 36 **Employment support services and programs.** Requires the commissioner of human services to cooperate with the commissioner of economic security in operating a reimbursement system to reimburse providers of employment support services for people with mental illnesses.
- 37 **Youthbuild tech.** Provides for a pilot program to provide technical training for people who have already participated in a YouthBuild program.

- 38 **Interpreter.** Requires workforce centers in areas that have a significant number of non-English-speaking residents to attempt to provide outreach services to those residents.
- 39 **Cost limitations.** Provides that no more than ten percent of funds allocated for certain dislocated worker services may be spent on support services.
- 40 **Employment support services for persons with mental illness.** Changes to conform with the next section.
- 41 **Statewide reimbursement system for employment support services.** Provides criteria for the programs that are to be supported by the reimbursement system.
- 42 **Iron range resources and rehabilitation board.** This section changes the composition of the iron range resources and rehabilitation board. Currently, the board consists of 11 members, including five state senators and five state representatives, as well as the commissioner of natural resources. This section removes the commissioner of natural resources and adds three non-legislator members, to be appointed one each by the speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate, and the governor. The section also provides that these members must be from the taconite relief area. Further provides that projects must be approved by a simple majority of the board members.
- 43 **Private entity participation.** Provides that the commissioner of the IRRRB may establish, participate in the management of, and dispose of the assets of charitable foundations and nonprofit corporations associated with any project for which it provides funding.
- 44 **Project approval.** Requires majority approval of the IRRRB members and the commissioner for project approval.
- 45 **Administration.** Requires majority approval of the IRRRB members and the commissioner for project approval.
- 46 **Licensing fee.** Increases the licensing fee for residential building contractors.
- 47 **Administration.** Provides that the Hennepin County Board may acquire property in connection with its multi-jurisdictional program authority.
- 48 **Funding level.** Eliminates general provision stating that a municipality with an annual median household income of at least \$40,000 is not eligible for wastewater infrastructure funding grants. Provides that projects involving multiple municipalities may receive additional wastewater infrastructure funding up to a certain limit.
- 49 **Which money in fund.** This section eliminates the administrative cost ceiling on the expenditures of the housing finance agency. In the next section, the agency is required to report on these costs.
- 50 **Operating costs report.** Requires the housing finance agency to prepare a report on its operating costs by February 15 of each year.
- 51 **School stability.** Provides that MHFA may establish a school stability project under the family homeless prevention and assistance program for the purpose of securing stable housing for families with school-age children who have moved frequently and for unaccompanied youth.
- 52 **Local housing organization.** Removes a limit on administrative fees that may be paid by MHFA to local housing organizations.
- 53 **Home ownership assistance.** Modifies the full cycle homeownership services program by merging it with the home equity conversion loan counseling program so that efforts will be directed to low and moderate income homeowners, including seniors. The home equity conversion loan counseling program is repealed elsewhere.
- 54 **Innovative and inclusionary housing program.** The housing finance agency shall make grants to promote inclusionary housing developments in the nonmetropolitan area. The metropolitan

council shall make grants for metropolitan area projects. Specifies the requirements for making an application to the agency for funding under the program.

- 55 Full cycle homeownership services.** Provides that the housing finance agency may spend money for the full cycle homeownership services program and may pay the costs and expenses of the program.
- 56 Economic development and housing challenge program.** Creates the housing and economic development and housing challenge program that provides grants or loans for the purpose of providing housing to support economic development activities within a community or region by meeting locally identified housing needs. Grants or loans may also be made for the rehabilitation of existing housing.
- 57 Metropolitan livable communities fund.** Creates the inclusionary housing account in the livable communities fund.
- 58 Inclusionary housing account.** Provides for the metropolitan council to administer the inclusionary housing program in the metropolitan area and to make grants from the inclusionary housing account to promote inclusionary housing developments in metropolitan municipalities.
- 59 Fees.** Lowers newly codified fees for licensing of architects from \$120 to \$104 per biennium, and eliminates certain new application fees.
- 60 Labor interpretive center.** Provides that the balance of the center's capital project is to be paid for with nonstate funds.
- 61 Judy Garland children's museum.** Extends availability of a previous appropriation.
- 62 Grant county.** Provides that a grant to Grant county for community infrastructure improvements is not subject to a maximum grant limitations or agency policy regarding maximum grant per job created.
- 63 Report to legislature.** Requires the housing finance agency to report to the legislature by February 1, 2001, on certain housing issues for persons with HIV and AIDS.
- 64 Report to legislature.** Requires the board of electricity to report to the legislature by January 15, 2000 on certain issues related to the board's activities, and to offer a proposal for codification of the board's fees. Provides that the commissioner of finance will oversee the board's activities under this section.
- 65 Fee increases prohibited.** Prohibits the board of electricity from increasing its inspection and handling fees before July 1, 2000.
- 66 Membership agreement.** Provides for the transfer of the membership of the Minnesota world trade center corporation in the world trade centers association to the Minnesota trade office.
- 67 Transfers.** Transfers the rights and obligations of the world trade center corporation to the Minnesota trade office. Appropriates the world trade center corporation's property to the commissioner of trade and economic development.
- 68 Transfer.** Transfers the unobligated balance of a 1992 appropriation to the world trade center account.
- 69 Transfer of positions and employees.** Transfers positions and employees of the world trade center corporation to the department of trade and economic development as of July 1, 1999. Provides for various details of the transfer, including classification of positions, status of those transferred, and allocation of positions..
- 70 Report; regulation of risk-bearing entities.** Requires the commissioners of commerce and health to study the regulation of entities that bear financial risks related to health coverage. The commissioners must report to the legislature by January 15, 2000.
- 71 Direct reduction iron processing facilities appropriation transfer.** Transfers an

appropriation of \$10,000,000 made to the commissioner of DTED in 1998 to the newly created Minnesota minerals 21st century fund.

- 72 Upper Red Lake business loan program.** Requires the commissioner of DTED to make loans to businesses that have been adversely affected by declining walleye populations in Upper Red Lake. Provides requirements for loan applications.
- 73 Pipestone Indian school authorization.** Authorizes MnSCU to convey the state's interest in the historic Pipestone Indian school superintendent's house and gymnasium at the Pipestone campus of Minnesota West community and technical college.
- 74 Pass-through grant evaluation process.** Requires the office of strategic and long-range planning to evaluate the usefulness of certain pass-through grants and report to the legislature.
- 75 Low-income energy task force.** Requires the management analysis division of the Department of Administration to report to the legislature on the future of low-income energy assistance.
- 76 State marketing plan.** Requires the commissioner of DTED to develop a comprehensive marketing plan for the state. Requires the commissioner to provide recommendations to the legislature.
- 77 Report.** Requires the commissioner of DTED to report to the legislature on business regulation in the state and its effects on the business climate.
- 78 Task force created.** Creates the governor's airport community stabilization funding task force. Requires the task force to report to the legislature and governor on funding sources for implementation of airport noise mitigation measures.
- 79 Public utilities commission right-of-way cost allocation.** Provides that the PUC is to use up to \$30,000 of available general fund appropriations from the 1998-1999 biennium to pay for costs allocated and assessed to local units of government for right-of-way rulemaking proceedings. The allocation and assessment of costs to those units is then canceled to the extent paid by the PUC.
- 80 Repealer.** Repeals statutory sections establishing and governing the world trade center corporation, the boxing board, and most enterprise zones. Also repeals a section of law passed this session that is inconsistent with a provision in this bill. The provision relates to the scope of the gross misdemeanor penalty for real estate appraisers.
- 81 Effective dates.** The architect licensing fee changes, the provision relating to the Judy Garland museum, the provision regarding Grant County, the PUC right-of-way proceeding provision, and the provisions relating to the board of electricity are effective the day following final enactment. The transfer of the assets of the world trade center is effective June 30, 1999. The other repealers relating to the world trade center are effective July 1, 1999. The repealers relating to the enterprise zones are effective July 1, 2000. The repealers relating to the boxing board are effective June 30, 2000.

Article 3

- 1 Members.** Increases the membership of the job skills partnership board from 11 to 12 members.
- 2 Appointment.** Provides that the additional member of the board will be an appointed member. Requires that two members be representatives of organized labor.
- 3 Workforce development fund.**
- Subd. 1. Determination and collection of special assessment.** Renames the existing dislocated worker fund as the workforce development fund, and provides that the assessment funding it will be seven-hundredths of one percent beginning on July 1, 2000, which is a decrease from the current assessment of one tenth of one percent. Eliminates the trigger that automatically reduces the assessment when the fund reaches a certain level.

Subd. 2. Disbursement of special assessment funds. Provides that the workforce development fund is to be used for employment and training programs. Provides that amounts in the fund not otherwise appropriated by the legislature are appropriated to the commissioner for the dislocated worker program.

- 4 **Comprehensive workforce development analysis.** Provides that the commissioner of DTED, the commissioner of economic security, and chancellor of MnSCU, and the director of the office of strategic and long-range planning are to collaborate to conduct a study of strategic consolidation of workforce programs.
- 5 **Transfer of dislocated worker program function to department of trade and economic development.** Transfers the dislocated worker program to DTED. This would be effective July 1, 2000.
- 6 **Workforce development fund; successor in interest.** Provides that the workforce development fund is a renaming of the existing workforce investment fund (dislocated worker fund), and that the funds in the workforce investment fund are transferred to the workforce development fund.
- 7 **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$29,000,000 from the general fund to the workforce development fund.
- 8 **Effective dates.**