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## Bill Summary

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### Article 1: Economic Development Programs

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- 1 **Qualified business.** Amends qualified extensions of greater Minnesota businesses by striking the requirement that a business has operated its trade or business in a city or cities in greater Minnesota for at least one year prior to applying to become a qualified business.
- 2 **Certification of qualified business.** Strikes reference to agricultural processing facility located outside a city and replaces reference with the term “business.” This conforms to change in section 1 removing requirement that entity be located in a city.

### Article 2: Promotional Authority

- 1 **Promotional contracts.** Updates commissioner’s authority regarding promotional contracts related to trade, tourism, and economic development to specify that the commissioner’s activities may include solicitations and proposals for programs and projects.

### Article 3: Subpoenas

- 1 **Commissioner and employees not subject to subpoena.** Specifies that the commissioner and department employees are not subject to subpoena for purposes of providing testimony regarding any client served under the vocational rehabilitation chapter of statutes.

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### **Article 4: Workforce Development Program Outcomes**

- 1 Uniform outcome report card; reporting by commissioner.** Increases from three quarters to four quarters immediately following the quarter of exit for participant median wage reporting.

### **Article 5: Pay for Performance Grants**

- 1 Grant administration authority.** Allows an exemption from the October 15 cancellation requirements for unused appropriations from the previous fiscal year (16A.28, subd. 6). Also allows an exemption to the requirements that: grant payments may not be made until a grant agreement is fully executed; and that encumbrances for grants issued by June 30 are certified for one year beyond the year in which the funds were originally appropriated (16B.98, subd. 7).

### **Article 6: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Updates**

- 1 Workforce development board.**

**Subd. 1. Creation; duties.** Updates and recreates the governor's workforce development board under the new federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which replaces the Workforce Investment Act.

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Increases from 31 to 41 voting members plus 14 non-voting members. Voting members include:

- the governor or governor's designee;
- one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker;
- one member of the senate appointed by the majority leader;
- 21 representatives of businesses;
- the commissioners of: employment and economic development, education (ABE), and human services;
- two elected officials representing cities and counties;
- six representatives of labor organizations;
- two representatives of community-based organizations;
- four officials responsible for education programs in the state;
- 14 non-voting members to include a representatives of: adult basic education (ABE), public libraries; the Women's Economic Security Act (WESA), the chair of the MN Workforce Council Association, and school based learning; the commissioners of: labor and industry, the Office of Higher Education,

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corrections, management and budget; two representatives of community-based organizations; a public school district superintendent; and the minority leaders of the house of representatives and the senate.