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H. F. No. 1053

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the
1.3 Minnesota High Tech Association's SciTechsperience program; providing for
1.4 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) internships.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$507,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$507,000 in fiscal year 2015 are appropriated from
1.8 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a
1.9 grant to the Minnesota High Tech Association. The Minnesota High Tech Association shall
1.10 use the grant to support SciTechsperience, a program that supports science, technology,
1.11 engineering, and math (STEM) internship opportunities for college students in their field
1.12 of study. The internship opportunities must match college students with paid internships
1.13 within STEM disciplines at small, for-profit companies in Minnesota with fewer than 100
1.14 employees. At least 100 students must be matched in the first year and at least 150 students
1.15 must be matched in the second year. Hiring companies shall receive a dollar-for-dollar
1.16 matching stipend for the intern's wages, with a matching stipend cap of \$2,500 per intern.