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H. F. No. 1515

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Greater Minnesota Economic and Workforce Development Policy

03/11/2015 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to Ka Joog
1.3 for a job skills and workforce development pilot program; appropriating money
1.4 for grants to expand Takeoff 4-H STEAM for Somali youth.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; KA JOOG JOB SKILLS AND WORKFORCE
1.7 DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

1.8 (a) \$550,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$550,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.9 from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for
1.10 a grant to Ka Joog to develop a pilot program to:

- 1.11 (1) train Somali youth and young adults in job skills;
- 1.12 (2) offer internships with local units of government; and
- 1.13 (3) offer workplace cultural awareness programs for local units of government and
1.14 private sector employers.

1.15 (b) As a part of the pilot program, Ka Joog shall partner with local units of
1.16 governments to create internships and mentorships to aid Somali youth and young adults
1.17 to build job skills and create pathways to future private and public sector employment.

1.18 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; TAKEOFF 4-H STEAM.

1.19 \$950,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$950,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
1.20 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to the director of
1.21 the University of Minnesota Extension for a grant program to expand the Takeoff 4-H
1.22 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Club for Somali
1.23 youth throughout Minnesota. The University of Minnesota Extension may use a portion of

- 2.1 each grant for grant administration and direct costs related to the Takeoff 4-H STEAM
- 2.2 partnership between the University of Minnesota Extension and Ka Joog.