relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a preapprenticeship training pilot program; requiring a report.

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

Section 1. PREAPPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION.
(a) $\$ 210,000$ in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 to fund a preapprenticeship training pilot program. This program must provide at least 20 students with a minimum of five weeks of hands-on training in the skills necessary for success in a structured apprenticeship program that would lead to a career in a high-skill, high-demand trade with family sustaining wages. Students entering the training program must have either earned or be pursuing a high school diploma or its equivalent and at least 25 percent of the students must come from outside the metropolitan area, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.
(b) By February 15, 2021, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over workforce development detailing the use of grant funds and analyzing the effect of the pilot program on the workforce outcomes of participants.

