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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements to
1.3 children's museums across the state.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN
1.6 MINNESOTA, MANKATO.

1.7 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of employment and economic development for a grant to the Children's Museum of Southern
1.9 Minnesota, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to predesign, design, construct, renovate,
1.10 furnish, and equip capital improvements at the museum in the city of Mankato. This
1.11 appropriation includes money for a new museum building expansion, renovation of existing
1.12 exhibit space, and the addition of an outdoor nature play space. This appropriation is available
1.13 until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.
1.14 This is a onetime appropriation.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.16 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; GREAT RIVER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, ST. CLOUD.

1.17 \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.18 of employment and economic development for a grant to Great River Children's Museum,
1.19 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to design, construct, renovate, furnish, and equip capital
1.20 improvements to renovate and expand a 25,000 square foot facility, donated to the museum
1.21 for the purpose of housing a children's museum in the city of St. Cloud, and the creation of
1.22 an adjoining outdoor exhibit space. This appropriation is available until the project is

2.1 completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime  
 2.2 appropriation.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.4 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; JUDY GARLAND - CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY**  
 2.5 **MUSEUM, GRAND RAPIDS.**

2.6 \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 2.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to the Judy Garland Children's  
 2.8 Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to acquire property, and to predesign, design,  
 2.9 construct, renovate, equip, and furnish capital improvements at the museum in the city of  
 2.10 Grand Rapids. This includes purchasing land for development of interactive enrichment;  
 2.11 constructing an outdoor playground and seating area; constructing an indoor theater space;  
 2.12 major projects to preserve or replace mechanical and electrical systems, including security  
 2.13 and accessibility improvements; parking lot renovations to support ongoing operations. This  
 2.14 appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota  
 2.15 Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.17 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; OTTER COVE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, FERGUS**  
 2.18 **FALLS.**

2.19 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 2.20 of employment and economic development for a grant to Otter Cove Children's Museum,  
 2.21 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to acquire property, and to design, construct, renovate,  
 2.22 equip, and furnish capital improvements for an expansion of the museum in the city of  
 2.23 Fergus Falls. This appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned,  
 2.24 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.26 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; WONDERTREK CHILDREN'S MUSEUM,**  
 2.27 **BRAINERD-BAXTER.**

2.28 \$4,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 2.29 of employment and economic development for a grant to WonderTrek Children's Museum,  
 2.30 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to design, construct, equip, and furnish capital  
 2.31 improvements to phase I of a 9 acre children's museum campus in the city of Baxter. This  
 2.32 appropriation includes money for site improvements, infrastructure, landscaping, a 2,000

3.1 square foot year-round indoor-outdoor classroom, 4 acres of nature play exhibits and  
 3.2 environments, outdoor recreation activities and education, and final design of a new 27,000  
 3.3 square foot museum building. This appropriation is available until the project is completed  
 3.4 or abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime  
 3.5 appropriation.

3.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.7 **Sec. 6. APPROPRIATION; DULUTH CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, DULUTH.**

3.8 \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 3.9 of employment and economic development for a grant to Duluth Children's Museum, a  
 3.10 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to design, construct, furnish, and equip capital  
 3.11 improvements for an expansion of the museum building in the city of Duluth. This  
 3.12 appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota  
 3.13 Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.15 **Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION; THE WORKS, BLOOMINGTON.**

3.16 \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 3.17 of employment and economic development for a grant to The Works, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
 3.18 organization, to fabricate and install new exhibits, furniture, fixtures, and equipment for  
 3.19 improvements for the museum. This appropriation is available until the project is completed  
 3.20 or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.22 **Sec. 8. APPROPRIATION; WHEEL AND COG, HUTCHINSON.**

3.23 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
 3.24 of employment and economic development for a grant to Wheel and Cog Children's Museum  
 3.25 of Hutchinson, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to make safety improvements needed to  
 3.26 the main entrance, add lavatories to meet the needs of the volume of guests, and renovate  
 3.27 add new exhibits relate S.T.R.E.A.M. learning - hands-on and fun. This appropriation  
 3.28 includes money for the renovation, installation of new equipment, exhibits, furniture, fixtures,  
 3.29 and refurnish and update plumbing and exhibits in three mall spaces to provide new low  
 3.30 sensory play space, meeting area for local community groups, renovate and add nursing  
 3.31 rooms, updated lavatories, plumbing and add a new safer entrance to the museum space.

4.1 This appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to  
4.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.4 Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATION; THE VILLAGE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, A PROGRAM**  
4.5 **OF THE UNITED WAY OF WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA, WILLMAR.**

4.6 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
4.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to the The Village Children's Museum,  
4.8 a program of the United Way of West Central Minnesota, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization,  
4.9 to acquire property, and to predesign, design, renovate, equip, and furnish capital  
4.10 improvements at the museum in the city of Willmar. This appropriation includes money for  
4.11 the purchase of a new site and renovations for a 19,000 sq ft museum building to support  
4.12 ongoing operations. This appropriation is available until the project is completed or  
4.13 abandoned, subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.15 Sec. 10. **APPROPRIATION; THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER, A**  
4.16 **PROGRAM OF THE INFINITY CENTER, BRECKENRIDGE.**

4.17 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
4.18 of employment and economic development for a grant to the Children's Discovery Center,  
4.19 a program of the Infinity Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to design, renovate,  
4.20 equip, and furnish capital improvements at the museum in the city of Breckenridge. This  
4.21 appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned, subject to Minnesota  
4.22 Statutes, section 16A.642. This is a onetime appropriation.

4.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.