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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to economic development; appropriating money to make workforce training

1.3and entrepreneurship investments intended to help close the state's opportunity

1.4gaps for Minnesotans of color.

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

1.6Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.7The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the

1.8Department of Employment and Economic Development for the purposes specified in this

1.9article. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are

1.10available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021"

1.11used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal

1.12year ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year

1.132020. "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1.14"Each year" means each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

1.15	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>			
1.16	<u>Available for the Year</u>			
1.17	<u>Ending June 30</u>			
1.18		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>
1.19	Sec. 2. <u>DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT</u>			
1.20	<u>AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>			
1.21	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>12,647,000</u>	\$ <u>12,150,000</u>
1.22	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>			
1.23		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	

2.1	<u>General</u>	<u>6,225,000</u>	<u>6,225,000</u>
2.2	<u>Workforce</u>		
2.3	<u>Development</u>	<u>6,422,000</u>	<u>5,925,000</u>

2.4 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.5 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.6 subdivisions.

2.7	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Business and Community Development</b></u>	<u>3,225,000</u>	<u>3,225,000</u>
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2.8 (a) \$750,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 2.9 Neighborhood Development Center for small  
 2.10 business programs. This is a onetime  
 2.11 appropriation.

2.12 (b) \$1,175,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 2.13 Metropolitan Economic Development  
 2.14 Association (MEDA) for statewide business  
 2.15 development and assistance services, including  
 2.16 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that  
 2.17 have the potential to create job opportunities  
 2.18 for unemployed and underemployed people,  
 2.19 with an emphasis on minority-owned  
 2.20 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.21 (c) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the  
 2.22 White Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation  
 2.23 Integrated Business Development System to  
 2.24 provide business assistance with workforce  
 2.25 development, outreach, technical assistance,  
 2.26 infrastructure and operational support,  
 2.27 financing, and other business development  
 2.28 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.29 (d) \$1,175,000 each year is for a grant to  
 2.30 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small  
 2.31 business growth acceleration program under  
 2.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. This  
 2.33 is a onetime appropriation.

2.34	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Workforce Development</b></u>	<u>9,172,000</u>	<u>8,675,000</u>
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3.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
3.2	<u>General</u>	<u>2,750,000</u>	<u>2,750,000</u>
3.3	<u>Workforce</u>		
3.4	<u>Development</u>	<u>6,422,000</u>	<u>5,925,000</u>

3.5 (a) \$1,500,000 each year is from the general  
 3.6 fund for the youth at work competitive grant  
 3.7 program under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 3.8 116L.562. This amount is in addition to the  
 3.9 base appropriation for this purpose. Of this  
 3.10 amount, up to five percent is for administration  
 3.11 and monitoring of the youth workforce  
 3.12 development competitive grant program. All  
 3.13 grant awards shall be for two consecutive  
 3.14 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.  
 3.15 The base for this program in fiscal year 2022  
 3.16 is \$750,000 from the general fund and  
 3.17 \$3,348,000 from the workforce development  
 3.18 fund.

3.19 (b) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce  
 3.20 development fund for a grant to YWCA St.  
 3.21 Paul to provide job training services and  
 3.22 workforce development programs and  
 3.23 services, including job skills training and  
 3.24 counseling. This is a onetime appropriation.

3.25 (c) \$525,000 each year is from the workforce  
 3.26 development fund for a grant to the YWCA  
 3.27 of Minneapolis to provide economically  
 3.28 challenged individuals the jobs skills training,  
 3.29 career counseling, and job placement  
 3.30 assistance necessary to secure a child  
 3.31 development associate credential and to have  
 3.32 a career path in early childhood education.  
 3.33 This is a onetime appropriation.

3.34 (d) \$1,000,000 each year is from the  
 3.35 workforce development fund for a grant to

4.1 EMERGE Community Development, in  
4.2 collaboration with community partners, for  
4.3 services targeting Minnesota communities  
4.4 with the highest concentrations of African and  
4.5 African-American joblessness, based on the  
4.6 most recent census tract data, to provide  
4.7 employment readiness training, credentialed  
4.8 training placement, job placement and  
4.9 retention services, supportive services for  
4.10 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general  
4.11 education development fast track and adult  
4.12 diploma program. This is a onetime  
4.13 appropriation.

4.14 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce  
4.15 development fund for a grant to the  
4.16 Minneapolis Foundation for a strategic  
4.17 intervention program designed to target and  
4.18 connect program participants to meaningful,  
4.19 sustainable living-wage employment. This is  
4.20 a onetime appropriation.

4.21 (f) \$1,297,000 in fiscal year 2020 and  
4.22 \$800,000 in fiscal year 2021 are from the  
4.23 workforce development fund for performance  
4.24 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.25 116J.8747, to Twin Cities R!SE to provide  
4.26 training to hard-to-train individuals. This is a  
4.27 onetime appropriation.

4.28 (g) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce  
4.29 development fund for a grant to Latino  
4.30 Communities United in Service (CLUES) to  
4.31 expand culturally tailored programs that  
4.32 address employment and education skill gaps  
4.33 for working parents and underserved youth by  
4.34 providing new job skills training to stimulate  
4.35 higher wages for low-income people, family

5.1 support systems designed to reduce  
5.2 intergenerational poverty, and youth  
5.3 programming to promote educational  
5.4 advancement and career pathways. At least  
5.5 50 percent of this amount must be used for  
5.6 programming targeted at greater Minnesota.  
5.7 This is a onetime appropriation.

5.8 (h) \$250,000 each year is for transfer to the  
5.9 Department of Education for a grant to the  
5.10 American Indian Opportunities and  
5.11 Industrialization Center, in collaboration with  
5.12 the Northwest Indian Community  
5.13 Development Center, to reduce academic  
5.14 disparities for American Indian students and  
5.15 adults. This is a onetime appropriation. The  
5.16 grant funds may be used to provide:

5.17 (1) student tutoring and testing support  
5.18 services;

5.19 (2) training in information technology;

5.20 (3) assistance in obtaining a GED;

5.21 (4) remedial training leading to enrollment in  
5.22 a postsecondary higher education institution;

5.23 (5) real-time work experience in information  
5.24 technology fields; and

5.25 (6) contextualized adult basic education.

5.26 After notification to the legislature, the  
5.27 commissioner may transfer this appropriation  
5.28 to the commissioner of education.

5.29 (i) \$600,000 each year from the workforce  
5.30 development fund is for a grant to Ujamaa  
5.31 Place for job training, employment  
5.32 preparation, internships, education, training  
5.33 in the construction trades, housing, and

6.1 organizational capacity-building. This is a  
6.2 onetime appropriation.

6.3 (j) \$1,000,000 each year from the workforce  
6.4 development fund is for a grant to the  
6.5 Construction Careers Foundation for the  
6.6 construction career pathway initiative to  
6.7 provide year-round educational and  
6.8 experiential learning opportunities for teens  
6.9 and young adults under the age of 21 that lead  
6.10 to careers in the construction industry. This is  
6.11 a onetime appropriation. Grant funds must be  
6.12 used to:

6.13 (1) increase construction industry exposure  
6.14 activities for middle school and high school  
6.15 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more  
6.16 diverse demographic and broader statewide  
6.17 audience. This requirement includes, but is  
6.18 not limited to, an expansion of programs to  
6.19 provide experience in different crafts to youth  
6.20 and young adults throughout the state;

6.21 (2) increase the number of high schools in  
6.22 Minnesota offering construction classes during  
6.23 the academic year that utilize a multicraft  
6.24 curriculum;

6.25 (3) increase the number of summer internship  
6.26 opportunities;

6.27 (4) enhance activities to support graduating  
6.28 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment  
6.29 in the construction industry;

6.30 (5) increase the number of young adults  
6.31 employed in the construction industry and  
6.32 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse  
6.33 workforce; and

7.1 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing  
7.2 campaign targeted to youth and young adults  
7.3 about the depth and breadth of careers within  
7.4 the construction industry.

7.5 Programs and services supported by grant  
7.6 funds must give priority to individuals and  
7.7 groups that are economically disadvantaged  
7.8 or historically underrepresented in the  
7.9 construction industry, including but not limited  
7.10 to women, veterans, and members of minority  
7.11 and immigrant groups.

7.12 (k) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants for  
7.13 positive youth development, community  
7.14 engagement, legal services, and capacity  
7.15 building for community-based organizations  
7.16 serving Somali youth, including youth  
7.17 engagement, risk prevention, and intervention  
7.18 activities that help build the resiliency of the  
7.19 Somali-Minnesotan community and address  
7.20 challenges facing Somali youth. Of this  
7.21 amount, \$1,000,000 is for a grant to  
7.22 Youthprise for activities provided in this  
7.23 paragraph. Funded projects must provide  
7.24 culturally and linguistically relevant services.

7.25 To the maximum extent possible, 50 percent  
7.26 of the funding must be distributed in greater  
7.27 Minnesota, and 50 percent of the funding must  
7.28 be distributed within the metropolitan area, as  
7.29 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.30 473.121, subdivision 2. Of the amount  
7.31 appropriated for grants to be awarded by the  
7.32 commissioner, up to five percent is for  
7.33 administration and monitoring of the program.

7.34 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
7.35 available until June 30, 2022.

- 8.1 (l) \$250,000 each year is for increased grantee
- 8.2 support from the department to ensure
- 8.3 successful program delivery and improved
- 8.4 program outcome analysis. This is a onetime
- 8.5 appropriation.