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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a facility to provide career
1.3 and technical education and job training in renewable energy, energy efficiency,
1.4 energy storage, electric vehicles, and grid technologies.

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

1.6 Section 1. NORTHGATE DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Northgate
1.9 Development, LLC, for: (1) building and site improvements, including renovation of building
1.10 interior space, and for purchase of equipment and materials for training purposes at the
1.11 current site of the Regional Apprenticeship Training Center in Minneapolis; and (2) planning
1.12 activities necessary to evaluate the development of a new facility on a site in Minneapolis
1.13 currently owned by Northgate Development, LLC, or its wholly-owned subsidiary, to provide
1.14 renewable energy skills training.

1.15 (b) For the purposes of this section, "renewable energy skills training" means the design,
1.16 construction, or maintenance of:

1.17 (1) systems producing renewable energy from solar or wind;

1.18 (2) systems that improve energy efficiency as defined in section 216B.241, subdivision
1.19 1;

1.20 (3) energy storage, with battery technology, that is integrated with renewable energy
1.21 systems;

1.22 (4) infrastructure for charging all-electric or electric-hybrid vehicles; and

2.1 (5) grid technologies that manage load and provide services to the distribution grid in a
2.2 manner that reduces usage or shifts demand to off-peak periods.

2.3 (c) The new facility operated by Northgate Development must provide targeted outreach
2.4 for training in underserved communities and be accessible by public transit for communities
2.5 of color and individuals with low incomes. The commissioner of employment and economic
2.6 development shall make a good faith reasonable effort to ensure this appropriation is used
2.7 to:

2.8 (1) create pathways for students and young adults to postsecondary degrees in related
2.9 field and industry certifications for quality jobs with living wages;

2.10 (2) recognize the rights of workers to organize for collective bargaining; and

2.11 (3) help all Minnesotans share the benefits of clean and renewable energy and be provided
2.12 with opportunities to participate in the clean energy workforce, with special attention on
2.13 communities of color, Indigenous people, and individuals with low incomes.

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