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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2526**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the FATHER
1.3 Project.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; GOODWILL EASTER SEALS MINNESOTA.**

1.6 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant
1.8 to Goodwill Easter Seals Minnesota and its partners. The grant must be used to continue
1.9 the FATHER Project in Rochester, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and the surrounding
1.10 areas to assist fathers in overcoming barriers that prevent fathers from supporting their
1.11 children economically and emotionally, including with community re-entry following
1.12 confinement.