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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2687

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a preapprenticeship
1.3 training pilot program; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. PREAPPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM;
1.6 APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$210,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.8 of employment and economic development for a grant to the Finishing Trades Institute of
1.9 the Upper Midwest to fund a preapprenticeship training pilot program. This program must
1.10 provide at least 20 students with a minimum of five weeks of hands-on training in the skills
1.11 necessary for success in a structured apprenticeship program that would lead to a career in
1.12 a high-skill, high-demand trade with family-sustaining wages. Students entering the training
1.13 program must have either earned or be pursuing a high school diploma or its equivalent. At
1.14 least 25 percent of the students must come from outside the metropolitan area, as defined
1.15 by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

1.16 (b) By February 15, 2021, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs of the
1.17 house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over workforce development
1.18 detailing the use of grant funds and analyzing the effect of the pilot program on the workforce
1.19 outcomes of participants.