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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for the East Side Enterprise  
1.3 Center.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; EAST SIDE ENTERPRISE CENTER.**

1.6 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.7 of employment and economic development for a grant to East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC)  
1.8 to expand culturally tailored resources that address small business growth and job creation.  
1.9 This appropriation is onetime and is available until spent. The appropriation shall fund the  
1.10 work of African Economic Development Solutions, the Asian Economic Development  
1.11 Association, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, and the Asian Economic Development  
1.12 Center in a collaborative approach to economic development that is effective with smaller,  
1.13 culturally diverse communities that seek to increase the productivity and success of new  
1.14 immigrant and minority populations living and working in the community. Programs shall  
1.15 provide minority business growth and capacity building that generate wealth and jobs  
1.16 creation for local residents and business owners on the East Side of St. Paul.

1.17 In fiscal year 2019 ESEC shall use funds to share its integrated service model and  
1.18 evolving collaboration principles with civic and economic development leaders in greater  
1.19 Minnesota communities which have diverse populations similar to the East Side of St. Paul.  
1.20 ESEC shall submit a report of activities and program outcomes, including quantifiable  
1.21 measures of success annually to the house of representatives and senate committees with  
1.22 jurisdiction over economic development.