

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; economic development; providing for efficient government  
1.3 involvement with the green economy; proposing coding for new law in  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[116J.438] MINNESOTA GREEN ENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall lead a  
1.8 multiagency project to advise, promote, market, coordinate, and mandate state agency  
1.9 collaboration on green enterprise and green economy projects, as defined in section  
1.10 116J.437. The project must involve collaboration with state agencies, local governments,  
1.11 and the business and agricultural communities. The objective of the project is to utilize  
1.12 existing state resources to expedite the delivery of grants, licenses, permits, and other state  
1.13 authorizations and approvals for green economy projects.

1.14 (b) As part of the project, the commissioners of employment and economic  
1.15 development, the Pollution Control Agency, natural resources, agriculture, transportation,  
1.16 and commerce shall each assign sufficient employees to the project to carry out its purpose.

1.17 (c) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall seek out and  
1.18 appoint a person from the business community to represent the state at trade shows or  
1.19 missions, as well as assisting the commissioner in project activities.

1.20 (d) The commissioner shall report to the legislature by January 15 annually on its  
1.21 activities and progress with advancing the green economy.

1.22 (e) This section expires January 2, 2020.

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

2.1       Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; GREEN ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY.**

2.2             \$100,000 is transferred from the balance of the fiscal year 2009 appropriation for the  
2.3 Green Jobs Task Force under Laws 2008, chapter 363, article 6, section 3, subdivision 4,  
2.4 and is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for  
2.5 the purposes of section 1. This appropriation is available through June 30, 2010.