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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 workforce development; appropriating money for workforce training
1.3 in Owatonna and Steele counties.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION.

1.6 \$275,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$275,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.7 workforce development fund to Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Area
1.8 #8/Workforce Development, Inc. to provide career planning, career pathway training and
1.9 education, wraparound support services, and job skills advancement in high-demand careers
1.10 to individuals with barriers to employment in Steele County, helping families build secure
1.11 pathways out of poverty while also addressing worker shortages in the Owatonna and Steele
1.12 County area. Funding will also support Employer Outreach Services to include providing
1.13 solutions to workforce challenges and direct connections to workforce programming. Funds
1.14 may be used for program expenses, including but not limited to hiring instructors and
1.15 navigators; space rental; and supportive services to help participants attend classes, including
1.16 assistance with course fees, child care, transportation, and safe and stable housing. In
1.17 addition, up to five percent of grant funds may be used for Workforce Development, Inc.'s
1.18 administrative costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.