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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3146**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; providing for trade, export, and cultural
1.3 exchanges; modifying an appropriation; amending Laws 2013, chapter 85, article
1.4 1, section 3, subdivision 5.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 85, article 1, section 3, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Minnesota Trade Office** 2,322,000 2,292,000

1.8 (a) \$330,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$300,000
1.9 in fiscal year 2015 are for the STEP grants
1.10 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979. Of
1.11 the fiscal year 2014 appropriation, \$30,000 is
1.12 available for expenditure until June 30, 2015,
1.13 and is for a grant to Voice of East African
1.14 Women, Inc., for establishing trade, export,
1.15 and cultural exchange relations between the
1.16 state of Minnesota and east African nations.

1.17 (b) \$180,000 in fiscal year 2014 and
1.18 \$180,000 in fiscal year 2015 are for the Invest
1.19 Minnesota marketing initiative in Minnesota
1.20 Statutes, section 116J.9781. Notwithstanding
1.21 any other law, this provision does not expire.

1.22 (c) \$270,000 each year is from the general
1.23 fund for the expansion of Minnesota Trade

- 2.1 Offices under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.2 116J.978.
- 2.3 (d) \$50,000 each year is from the general
2.4 fund for the trade policy advisory group
2.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9661.
- 2.6 (e) The commissioner of employment and
2.7 economic development, in consultation
2.8 with the commissioner of agriculture, shall
2.9 identify and increase export opportunities for
2.10 Minnesota agricultural products.

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