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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Policy

03/20/2024 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

relating to human services; providing for a payment to Lifeworks Services, Inc., for a disability inclusion pilot project; appropriating money.

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

## Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DISABILITY INCLUSION PILOT PROJECT.

\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a payment to Lifeworks Services, Inc., for a statewide disability inclusion pilot project. The pilot project must endeavor to educate people with disabilities to increase their knowledge of resources and encourage advocacy for full and equal access and opportunities in all aspects of life; train parents, guardians, and families to understand the disability service system and see beyond preconceived barriers; persuade employers to diversify their workforces by hiring people with disabilities; build capacity and support for culturally specific services led by entrepreneurs and business owners from rural communities and who are immigrants, Black, Indigenous, and people of color; and launch a statewide disability inclusion assessment program for businesses and community spaces so people with disabilities know that they will be welcomed, that physical spaces will be accessible, and that interactions will be free from discrimination. This is a onetime appropriation.

Section 1.