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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4940

03/14/2024 Authored by Virnig, Clardy and Bierman The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money to address the workforce shortage
1.3 in disability services in Dakota County; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DAKOTA COUNTY DISABILITY SERVICES
1.6 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE PILOT PROJECT.

1.7 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.8 commissioner of human services for a grant to Dakota County for innovative solutions to
1.9 the disability services workforce shortage. The grant must be used for:

1.10 (1) up to \$500,000 to develop and test an online application for matching requests from
1.11 services from people with disabilities to available staff; and

1.12 (2) up to \$500,000 to develop a communities-for-all program that engages businesses,
1.13 community organizations, neighbors, and informal support systems to promote community
1.14 inclusion of people with disabilities.

1.15 This is a onetime appropriation.

1.16 (b) By October 1, 2026, the commissioner shall report the outcomes and recommendations
1.17 of these pilot projects to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
1.18 committees with jurisdiction over human services finance and policy.

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