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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 870

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; appropriating money for a grant for services to  
1.3 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH**  
1.6 **INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

1.7 \$490,000 is appropriated for the 2016-2017 biennium from the general fund to  
1.8 the commissioner of human services for a grant to Advocating Change Together to  
1.9 maintain and promote services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities  
1.10 throughout the state. Of this appropriation:

1.11 (1) \$120,000 is for direct costs associated with the delivery and evaluation of  
1.12 peer-to-peer training programs administered throughout the state, focusing on education,  
1.13 employment, housing, transportation, and voting;

1.14 (2) \$280,000 is for outreach activities that include:

1.15 (i) delivery of a variety of statewide conferences focusing on leadership,  
1.16 self-advocacy, and community engagement skills within the disability community;

1.17 (ii) coordinating an annual leadership program for persons with intellectual and  
1.18 developmental disabilities;

1.19 (iii) providing subgrants to organizations in regions across the state to conduct  
1.20 outreach to persons working and living in institutionalized settings to educate and inform  
1.21 them about community options;

1.22 (iv) providing technical assistance and support to a network of groups across the  
1.23 state working to comply with integration mandates; and

- 2.1 (v) developing community inclusion training materials accessible to persons with  
2.2 cognitive, sensory, and physical disabilities; and  
2.3 (3) \$90,000 is for administrative and general operating costs associated with  
2.4 managing or maintaining facilities, program delivery, staff, and technology.