

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETIETH SESSION**

S.F. No. 1997

(SENATE AUTHORS: UTKE)

DATE
03/09/2017

D-PG
1250

OFFICIAL STATUS
Introduction and first reading
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; providing for a regional American Indian and
1.3 communities of color worker reintegration and stabilization initiative; appropriating
1.4 money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; REGIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN AND**
1.7 **COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WORKER REINTEGRATION AND STABILIZATION**
1.8 **INITIATIVE.**

1.9 (a) \$945,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$945,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from
1.10 the workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic
1.11 development for a grant for the regional American Indian and communities of color worker
1.12 reintegration and stabilization pathway initiative at the American Indian Opportunities and
1.13 Industrialization Center, Bii Gii Wiin Community Development Loan Fund, and the
1.14 Northwest Indian Community Development Center to reduce academic and economic
1.15 disparities for American Indian adults and adults from communities of color. Of this amount,
1.16 \$600,000 is for the American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center and \$300,000
1.17 is for the Northwest Indian Community Development Center. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.18 (b) Grant funds under this section may be used to provide:

1.19 (1) contextualized adult education, including assistance in obtaining a GED;

1.20 (2) personal financial repair and preparation services;

1.21 (3) remedial training leading to enrollment in a postsecondary higher education institution;

1.22 (4) career training, including a focus on careers in information technology; and

2.1

(5) career counseling and placement services.