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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2110

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for an energy sector jobs
1.3 initiative.

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

1.5 Section 1. ENERGY SECTOR JOBS INITIATIVE.

1.6 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall implement an
1.7 energy sector jobs initiative focusing on maximizing job opportunities in the energy sector.

1.8 (b) In implementing the initiative, the commissioner shall, in consultation with the
1.9 Minnesota Energy Center:

1.10 (1) analyze the jobs demand in the energy sector over the next ten years;

1.11 (2) identify the training needs for jobs in the energy sector;

1.12 (3) provide a breakdown of the current minority employment levels in the energy sector;

1.13 and

1.14 (4) develop a plan for increasing minority participation.

1.15 (c) The commissioner shall partner with an outside organization that has received previous
1.16 funding from the commissioner to conduct a detailed feasibility analysis for development
1.17 of the multipurpose training facility focused on the energy sector to be located in a designated
1.18 federal Promise Zone within one-half mile of current or planned regional transit routes.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to the
2.3 commissioner of employment and economic development to implement the energy sector
2.4 jobs initiative in section 1.