

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money to the UMMAH  
 1.3 Project, Inc. for a workforce development, crime prevention, and leadership skill  
 1.4 building pilot program for Somali youth.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; UMMAH PROJECT, INC. FOR SOMALI**  
 1.7 **YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CRIME PREVENTION, AND**  
 1.8 **LEADERSHIP TRAINING.**

1.9 \$200,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 to the  
 1.10 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the UMMAH  
 1.11 Project, Inc. to develop and implement a pilot program to provide Somali youth  
 1.12 development and crime prevention activities including, but not limited to:

- 1.13 (1) mentoring for Somali youth;
- 1.14 (2) promoting social and other activities to foster youth development and to provide  
 1.15 a safe place for participating youth to gather;
- 1.16 (3) leadership training through development of a youth leadership council to assist  
 1.17 and prepare Somali youth to be active and culturally vibrant leaders in building safe and  
 1.18 sustainable Somali communities;
- 1.19 (4) collaborating with an organization to provide college and job readiness  
 1.20 information technology skills for Somali youth; and
- 1.21 (5) planning for a center for Somali youth and families focused on culturally  
 1.22 appropriate workforce development, health, education, recreation, and social programs  
 1.23 within the community.

1.24 This is a onetime appropriation.