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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for Department of

1.3 Employment and Economic Development, Department of Labor and Industry,

1.4 Bureau of Mediation Services, and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals;

1.5 modifying various provisions governing economic development, labor and industry,

1.6 unemployment insurance, higher education, transportation, and agriculture;

1.7 establishing Main Street Economic Revitalization Loan Program; establishing

1.8 Main Street COVID-19 Relief grants; modifying fees; classifying data; requiring

1.9 reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 13.7905,

1.10 by adding a subdivision; 41A.19; 116J.035, subdivision 6; 116J.431, subdivisions

1.11 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 116L.40, subdivisions 5, 6, 9, 10, by adding a

1.12 subdivision; 116L.41, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; 116L.42,

1.13 subdivisions 1, 2; 178.012, subdivision 1; 181.939; 268.035, subdivision 21c;

1.14 268.085, subdivisions 2, 4a; 268.133; 268.136, subdivision 1; 326B.07, subdivision

1.15 1; 326B.092, subdivision 7; 326B.108, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision;

1.16 326B.133, subdivision 8; 326B.42, by adding subdivisions; 326B.46, subdivision

1.17 1; 326B.89, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 9; Laws 2014, chapter 211, section 13, as amended;

1.18 Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2019,

1.19 First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, sections 2, subdivision 2, as amended;

1.20 3, subdivision 4; article 2, section 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.21 Statutes, chapters 41A; 116J; 181A; 299F; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020,

1.22 sections 181.9414; 268.085, subdivision 4.

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

1.24 style="text-align:center">**ARTICLE 1**

1.25 style="text-align:center">**APPROPRIATIONS**

1.26 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.27 (a) The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the

1.28 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the

1.29 general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for

1.30 each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations

1.31 listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023,

3.1 administration and monitoring of the business
3.2 development competitive grant program and
3.3 \$7,000,000 in the first year is for technical
3.4 assistance to small businesses. Except for
3.5 awards for technical assistance for small
3.6 businesses, all grant awards shall be for two
3.7 consecutive years. Grants shall be awarded in
3.8 the first year.

3.9 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
3.10 site cleanup and development grants under
3.11 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
3.12 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
3.13 expended.

3.14 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
3.15 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
3.16 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
3.17 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
3.18 appropriation is available until expended.

3.19 (e) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
3.20 Rural Policy and Development.

3.21 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
3.22 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
3.23 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
3.24 469.47.

3.25 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host
3.26 community economic development program
3.27 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.28 116J.548.

3.29 (h)(1) \$2,500,000 each year is for grants to
3.30 local communities to increase the number of
3.31 quality child care providers to support
3.32 economic development. This appropriation is
3.33 available through June 30, 2023. Fifty percent
3.34 of grant funds must go to communities located

4.1 outside the seven-county metropolitan area as
4.2 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
4.3 473.121, subdivision 2. In fiscal year 2024
4.4 and beyond, the base amount is \$1,500,000.

4.5 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
4.6 nonstate match to grant funds in either cash
4.7 or in-kind contribution, unless the
4.8 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant
4.9 funds available under this subdivision must
4.10 be used to implement projects to reduce the
4.11 child care shortage in the state, including but
4.12 not limited to funding for child care business
4.13 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
4.14 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
4.15 to retain employees, or improvements required
4.16 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
4.17 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
4.18 grants, the commissioner must give priority
4.19 to communities that have demonstrated a
4.20 shortage of child care providers.

4.21 (3) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
4.22 grant recipients must report to the
4.23 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
4.24 program, including but not limited to the
4.25 number of new providers, the number of
4.26 additional child care provider jobs created, the
4.27 number of additional child care slots, and the
4.28 amount of cash and in-kind local funds
4.29 invested. Within one month of all grant
4.30 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
4.31 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
4.32 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
4.33 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
4.34 over early learning and child care and
4.35 economic development.

5.1 (i) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
5.2 Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This
5.3 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
5.4 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base
5.5 amount is \$1,000,000. The Minnesota
5.6 Initiative Foundations must use grant funds
5.7 under this section to:

5.8 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
5.9 communities resulting in a community solution
5.10 action plan that guides decision making to
5.11 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
5.12 care in the region to support economic
5.13 development;

5.14 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
5.15 resources to support the community solution
5.16 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
5.17 vital component of additional regional
5.18 economic development planning processes;

5.19 (3) provide locally based training and technical
5.20 assistance to rural child care business owners
5.21 individually or through a learning cohort.
5.22 Access to financial and business development
5.23 assistance must prepare child care businesses
5.24 for quality engagement and improvement by
5.25 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
5.26 other sources, and fostering business acumen
5.27 that allows child care businesses to plan for
5.28 and afford the cost of providing quality child
5.29 care; and

5.30 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
5.31 in quality rating and improvement
5.32 measurement programs. The Minnesota
5.33 Initiative Foundations must work with local
5.34 partners to provide low-cost training,
5.35 professional development opportunities, and

6.1 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
6.2 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
6.3 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
6.4 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
6.5 rating through measurement programs.

6.6 (j) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
6.7 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
6.8 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
6.9 commissioner of employment and economic
6.10 development may use up to three percent for
6.11 administrative expenses. This appropriation
6.12 is available until expended.

6.13 (k) \$10,029,000 the first year and \$10,028,000
6.14 the second year are for the Minnesota
6.15 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
6.16 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
6.17 commissioner of employment and economic
6.18 development may use up to three percent for
6.19 administration and monitoring of the program.
6.20 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base
6.21 amount is \$12,370,000. This appropriation is
6.22 available until expended. Notwithstanding
6.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, money
6.24 appropriated to the commissioner for the
6.25 Minnesota investment fund may be used for
6.26 the redevelopment program under Minnesota
6.27 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
6.28 the discretion of the commissioner. Grants
6.29 under this paragraph are not subject to the
6.30 grant amount limitation under Minnesota
6.31 Statutes, section 116J.8731.

6.32 (l) \$0 each year is for the redevelopment
6.33 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
6.34 116J.575 and 116J.5761. In fiscal year 2024
6.35 and beyond, the base amount is \$2,246,000.

7.1 (m) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
7.2 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
7.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds
7.4 available under this paragraph are for transfer
7.5 into the emerging entrepreneur program
7.6 special revenue fund account created under
7.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
7.8 available until expended. Of this amount, up
7.9 to four percent is for administration and
7.10 monitoring of the program.

7.11 (n) \$325,000 each year is for the Minnesota
7.12 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
7.13 year is available only upon receipt by the
7.14 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
7.15 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
7.16 sources for every \$3 provided by this
7.17 appropriation, except that each year up to
7.18 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the
7.19 required matching contribution has not been
7.20 received by that date.

7.21 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
7.22 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

7.23 (p) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
7.24 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film
7.25 production jobs program under Minnesota
7.26 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation
7.27 is available until June 30, 2025.

7.28 (q) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
7.29 job skills partnership program under
7.30 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
7.31 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
7.32 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
7.33 year is available. This appropriation is
7.34 available until expended.

8.1 (r) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
8.2 development fund is for jobs training grants
8.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.42.

8.4 (s) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch
8.5 Minnesota. This appropriation is available
8.6 until June 30, 2025. The base in fiscal year
8.7 2026 is \$0. Of this amount:

8.8 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for innovation
8.9 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
8.10 start-up businesses to assist with their
8.11 operating needs;

8.12 (2) \$500,000 each year is for administration
8.13 of Launch Minnesota; and

8.14 (3) \$500,000 each year is for grantee activities
8.15 at Launch Minnesota.

8.16 (t) \$1,148,000 the first year is for a grant to
8.17 the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, a small
8.18 business administration microlender and
8.19 community development financial institution
8.20 operating in northern Minnesota. Grant funds
8.21 must be used as capital for accessing
8.22 additional federal lending for small businesses
8.23 impacted by COVID-19 and must be returned
8.24 to the commissioner for deposit in the general
8.25 fund if the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund fails
8.26 to secure such federal funds before January 1,
8.27 2022.

8.28 (u) \$80,000,000 the first year is for the Main
8.29 Street Economic Revitalization Loan Program.
8.30 Of this amount, up to \$300,000 is for the
8.31 commissioner's administration and monitoring
8.32 of the program.

- 9.1 (v) \$70,000,000 the first year is for the Main
9.2 Street COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. Of
9.3 this amount, up to:
- 9.4 (1) \$34,950,000 is for grants to the Minnesota
9.5 Initiative Foundations to serve businesses
9.6 outside of the metropolitan area as defined in
9.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
9.8 subdivision 2;
- 9.9 (2) \$34,950,000 is for grants to partner
9.10 organizations to serve businesses inside the
9.11 metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota
9.12 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2; and
- 9.13 (3) \$100,000 is for the commissioner's
9.14 administration and monitoring of the program.
- 9.15 (w) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
9.16 dissemination, and use of labor market
9.17 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.18 116J.401.
- 9.19 (x) \$500,000 each year is for the airport
9.20 infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant program
9.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.439.
9.22 In awarding grants with this appropriation, the
9.23 commissioner must prioritize eligible
9.24 applicants that did not receive a grant pursuant
9.25 to the appropriation in Laws 2019, First
9.26 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2,
9.27 subdivision 2, paragraph (q).
- 9.28 (y) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce
9.29 development fund for grants to the
9.30 Neighborhood Development Center for small
9.31 business programs, including:
- 9.32 (1) training, lending, and business services;

10.1 (2) model outreach and training in greater

10.2 Minnesota; and

10.3 (3) development of new business incubators.

10.4 This is a onetime appropriation.

10.5	<u>Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs</u>	<u>37,185,000</u>	<u>36,935,000</u>
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10.6	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
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10.7	<u>General</u>	<u>7,421,000</u>	<u>7,421,000</u>
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10.8	<u>Workforce</u>		
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10.9	<u>Development</u>	<u>29,764,000</u>	<u>29,514,000</u>
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10.10 (a) \$500,000 each year from the general fund

10.11 and \$500,000 each year from the workforce

10.12 development fund are for rural career

10.13 counseling coordinators in the workforce

10.14 service areas and for the purposes specified

10.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.667.

10.16 (b) \$750,000 each year is for the women and

10.17 high-wage, high-demand, nontraditional jobs

10.18 grant program under Minnesota Statutes,

10.19 section 116L.99. Of this amount, up to five

10.20 percent is for administration and monitoring

10.21 of the program.

10.22 (c) \$2,546,000 each year from the general fund

10.23 and \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce

10.24 development fund are for the pathways to

10.25 prosperity competitive grant program. Of this

10.26 amount, up to five percent is for administration

10.27 and monitoring of the program.

10.28 (d) \$712,000 each year is from the workforce

10.29 development fund for a grant to the American

10.30 Indian Opportunities and Industrialization

10.31 Center, in collaboration with the Northwest

10.32 Indian Community Development Center, to

10.33 reduce academic disparities for American

10.34 Indian students and adults. This is a onetime

11.1 appropriation. The grant funds may be used
11.2 to provide:
11.3 (1) student tutoring and testing support
11.4 services;
11.5 (2) training and employment placement in
11.6 information technology;
11.7 (3) training and employment placement within
11.8 trades;
11.9 (4) assistance in obtaining a GED;
11.10 (5) remedial training leading to enrollment
11.11 and to sustain enrollment in a postsecondary
11.12 higher education institution;
11.13 (6) real-time work experience in information
11.14 technology fields and in the trades;
11.15 (7) contextualized adult basic education;
11.16 (8) career and educational counseling for
11.17 clients with significant and multiple barriers;
11.18 and
11.19 (9) reentry services and counseling for adults
11.20 and youth.
11.21 After notification to the chairs and minority
11.22 leads of the legislative committees with
11.23 jurisdiction over jobs and economic
11.24 development, the commissioner may transfer
11.25 this appropriation to the commissioner of
11.26 education.
11.27 (e) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
11.28 development fund for current Minnesota
11.29 affiliates of OIC of America, Inc. This
11.30 appropriation shall be divided equally among
11.31 the eligible centers.

- 12.1 (f) \$1,000,000 each year is for competitive
12.2 grants to organizations providing services to
12.3 relieve economic disparities in the Southeast
12.4 Asian community through workforce
12.5 recruitment, development, job creation,
12.6 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
12.7 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
12.8 five percent is for administration and
12.9 monitoring of the program.
- 12.10 (g) \$1,000,000 each year is for a competitive
12.11 grant program to provide grants to
12.12 organizations that provide support services for
12.13 individuals, such as job training, employment
12.14 preparation, internships, job assistance to
12.15 parents, financial literacy, academic and
12.16 behavioral interventions for low-performing
12.17 students, and youth intervention. Grants made
12.18 under this section must focus on low-income
12.19 communities, young adults from families with
12.20 a history of intergenerational poverty, and
12.21 communities of color. Of this amount, up to
12.22 five percent is for administration and
12.23 monitoring of the program.
- 12.24 (h) \$750,000 each year from the general fund
12.25 and \$3,348,000 each year from the workforce
12.26 development fund are for the youth-at-work
12.27 competitive grant program under Minnesota
12.28 Statutes, section 116L.562. Of this amount,
12.29 up to five percent is for administration and
12.30 monitoring of the youth workforce
12.31 development competitive grant program. All
12.32 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
12.33 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.
- 12.34 (i) \$875,000 each year is for a grant to the
12.35 Minnesota Technology Association to support

13.1 the SciTech Internship Program, a program
13.2 that supports science, technology, engineering,
13.3 and math (STEM) internship opportunities for
13.4 two- and four-year college students and
13.5 graduate students in their fields of study. The
13.6 internship opportunities must match students
13.7 with paid internships within STEM disciplines
13.8 at small, for-profit companies located in
13.9 Minnesota having fewer than 250 employees
13.10 worldwide. At least 200 students must be
13.11 matched each year. No more than 15 percent
13.12 of the hires may be graduate students. Selected
13.13 hiring companies shall receive from the grant
13.14 50 percent of the wages paid to the intern,
13.15 capped at \$2,500 per intern. The program must
13.16 work toward increasing the participation
13.17 among women or other underserved
13.18 populations. This is a onetime appropriation.
13.19 (j) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
13.20 development fund for the youthbuild program
13.21 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361
13.22 to 116L.366.
13.23 (k) \$4,050,000 each year is from the
13.24 workforce development fund for the
13.25 Minnesota youth program under Minnesota
13.26 Statutes, sections 116L.56 and 116L.561.
13.27 (l) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
13.28 development fund for performance grants
13.29 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
13.30 to Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota and its
13.31 partners. The grant shall be used to continue
13.32 the FATHER Project in Rochester, Park
13.33 Rapids, St. Cloud, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and
13.34 the surrounding areas to assist fathers in
13.35 overcoming barriers that prevent fathers from

- 14.1 supporting their children economically and
14.2 emotionally. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 14.3 (m) \$350,000 each year is from the workforce
14.4 development fund for performance grants
14.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
14.6 to the International Institute of Minnesota for
14.7 workforce training for New Americans in
14.8 industries in need of a trained workforce. This
14.9 is a onetime appropriation.
- 14.10 (n) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce
14.11 development fund for a grant to the Minnesota
14.12 Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to administer
14.13 a statewide project of youth job skills and
14.14 career development. This project, which may
14.15 have career guidance components including
14.16 health and life skills, must be designed to
14.17 encourage, train, and assist youth in: early
14.18 access to education and job-seeking skills;
14.19 work-based learning experience including
14.20 career pathways in STEM learning, career
14.21 exploration, and matching; and first job
14.22 placement through local community
14.23 partnerships and on-site job opportunities. This
14.24 grant requires a 25 percent match from
14.25 nonstate sources. This is a onetime
14.26 appropriation.
- 14.27 (o) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
14.28 development fund for grants to the Minnesota
14.29 Grocers Association Foundation for Carts to
14.30 Careers, a statewide initiative to promote
14.31 careers, conduct outreach, provide job skills
14.32 training, and grant scholarships for careers in
14.33 the retail food industry. This is a onetime
14.34 appropriation.

- 15.1 (p) \$250,000 the first year is from the
15.2 workforce development fund for a grant to the
15.3 ProStart and Hospitality Tourism Management
15.4 Program for a well-established, proven, and
15.5 successful education program that helps young
15.6 people advance careers in the hospitality
15.7 industry and addresses critical long-term
15.8 workforce shortages in that industry.
- 15.9 (q) \$375,000 each year is from the workforce
15.10 development fund for a grant to the
15.11 Construction Careers Foundation for the
15.12 construction career pathway initiative to
15.13 provide year-round educational and
15.14 experiential learning opportunities for teens
15.15 and young adults under the age of 21 that lead
15.16 to careers in the construction industry. This is
15.17 a onetime appropriation. Grant funds must be
15.18 used to:
- 15.19 (1) increase construction industry exposure
15.20 activities for middle school and high school
15.21 youth, parents, and counselors to reach a more
15.22 diverse demographic and broader statewide
15.23 audience. This requirement includes, but is
15.24 not limited to, an expansion of programs to
15.25 provide experience in different crafts to youth
15.26 and young adults throughout the state;
- 15.27 (2) increase the number of high schools in
15.28 Minnesota offering construction classes during
15.29 the academic year that utilize a multicraft
15.30 curriculum;
- 15.31 (3) increase the number of summer internship
15.32 opportunities;

- 16.1 (4) enhance activities to support graduating
16.2 seniors in their efforts to obtain employment
16.3 in the construction industry;
- 16.4 (5) increase the number of young adults
16.5 employed in the construction industry and
16.6 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse
16.7 workforce; and
- 16.8 (6) enhance an industrywide marketing
16.9 campaign targeted to youth and young adults
16.10 about the depth and breadth of careers within
16.11 the construction industry.
- 16.12 Programs and services supported by grant
16.13 funds must give priority to individuals and
16.14 groups that are economically disadvantaged
16.15 or historically underrepresented in the
16.16 construction industry, including but not limited
16.17 to women, veterans, and members of minority
16.18 and immigrant groups.
- 16.19 (r) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce
16.20 development fund for a grant to Comunidades
16.21 Latinas Unidas En Servicio-Latino
16.22 Communities United in Service (CLUES) to
16.23 expand culturally tailored programs that
16.24 address employment and education skill gaps
16.25 for working parents and underserved youth by
16.26 providing new job skills training to stimulate
16.27 higher wages for low-income people, family
16.28 support systems designed to reduce
16.29 intergenerational poverty, and youth
16.30 programming to promote educational
16.31 advancement and career pathways. At least
16.32 50 percent of this amount must be used for
16.33 programming targeted at greater Minnesota.
16.34 This is a onetime appropriation.

17.1 (s) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce
17.2 development fund for performance grants
17.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
17.4 to Twin Cities R!SE to provide training to
17.5 hard-to-train individuals. This is a onetime
17.6 appropriation and funds are available until
17.7 June 30, 2024.

17.8 (t) \$475,000 each year is from the workforce
17.9 development fund for a grant to Bridges to
17.10 Healthcare to provide career education,
17.11 wraparound support services, and job skills
17.12 training in high-demand health care fields to
17.13 low-income parents, nonnative speakers of
17.14 English, and other hard-to-train individuals,
17.15 helping families build secure pathways out of
17.16 poverty while also addressing worker
17.17 shortages in one of Minnesota's most
17.18 innovative industries. Funds may be used for
17.19 program expenses, including but not limited
17.20 to hiring instructors and navigators; space
17.21 rental; and supportive services to help
17.22 participants attend classes, including assistance
17.23 with course fees, child care, transportation,
17.24 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
17.25 five percent of grant funds may be used for
17.26 Bridges to Healthcare's administrative costs.
17.27 This is a onetime appropriation.

17.28 (u) \$650,000 each year is from the workforce
17.29 development fund for performance grants
17.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
17.31 to Avivo to provide low-income individuals
17.32 with career education and job skills training
17.33 that is integrated with chemical and mental
17.34 health services. This is a onetime
17.35 appropriation.

- 18.1 (v) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
18.2 development fund for a grant to the Hmong
18.3 American Partnership, in collaboration with
18.4 community partners, for services targeting
18.5 Minnesota communities with the highest
18.6 concentrations of Southeast Asian joblessness,
18.7 based on the most recent census tract data, to
18.8 provide employment readiness training,
18.9 credentialed training placement, job placement
18.10 and retention services, supportive services for
18.11 hard-to-employ individuals, and a general
18.12 education development fast track and adult
18.13 diploma program. This is a onetime
18.14 appropriation.
- 18.15 (w) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce
18.16 development fund for a grant to the Hmong
18.17 Chamber of Commerce to train ethnically
18.18 Southeast Asian business owners and
18.19 operators in better business practices. Of this
18.20 amount, up to \$5,000 may be used for
18.21 administrative costs. This is a onetime
18.22 appropriation.
- 18.23 (x) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce
18.24 development fund for Minnesota Family
18.25 Resiliency Partnership programs under
18.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.96. The
18.27 commissioner, through the adult career
18.28 pathways program, shall distribute the funds
18.29 to existing nonprofit and Minnesota Family
18.30 Resiliency Partnership programs. This is a
18.31 onetime appropriation.
- 18.32 (y) \$1,175,000 each year is from the
18.33 workforce development fund for a grant to
18.34 Summit Academy OIC to expand their
18.35 contextualized GED and employment

- 19.1 placement program and STEM program. This
19.2 is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.3 (z) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
19.4 development fund for a grant to Big Brothers
19.5 Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities for
19.6 workforce readiness, employment exploration,
19.7 and skills development for youth ages 12 to
19.8 21. The grant must serve youth in the Big
19.9 Brothers Big Sisters chapters in the Twin
19.10 Cities, central Minnesota, and southern
19.11 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.12 (aa) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce
19.13 development fund for a grant to Ujamaa Place
19.14 for job training, employment preparation,
19.15 internships, education, training in vocational
19.16 trades, housing, and organizational capacity
19.17 building. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.18 (bb) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce
19.19 development fund for performance grants
19.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8747,
19.21 to the YWCA of St. Paul to provide job
19.22 training services and workforce development
19.23 programs and services, including job skills
19.24 training and counseling. This is a onetime
19.25 appropriation.
- 19.26 (cc) \$700,000 each year is from the workforce
19.27 development fund for a grant to Youthprise
19.28 to give grants through a competitive process
19.29 to community organizations to provide
19.30 economic development services designed to
19.31 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency
19.32 in communities with concentrated East African
19.33 populations. Such communities include but
19.34 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.
19.35 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. Youthprise

20.1 must make at least 50 percent of these grants
20.2 to organizations serving communities located
20.3 outside the seven-county metropolitan area,
20.4 as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
20.5 473.121, subdivision 2. This is a onetime
20.6 appropriation.

20.7 (dd) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce
20.8 development fund for grants to Minnesota
20.9 Diversified Industries, Inc., to provide
20.10 inclusive employment opportunities and
20.11 services for people with disabilities. This is a
20.12 onetime appropriation.

20.13 (ee) \$150,000 each year is from the workforce
20.14 development fund for a grant to the YWCA
20.15 of Minneapolis to provide economically
20.16 challenged individuals the job skills training,
20.17 career counseling, and job placement
20.18 assistance necessary to secure a child
20.19 development associate credential and to have
20.20 a career path in early childhood education.
20.21 This is a onetime appropriation.

20.22 (ff) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
20.23 development fund for a grant to EMERGE
20.24 Community Development for the
20.25 Cedar-Riverside Opportunity Center and its
20.26 on-site partners to address employment and
20.27 economic disparities for low-income
20.28 unemployed or underemployed individuals
20.29 who are primarily East African. Funds must
20.30 be used for operations and administrative costs
20.31 of the site in support of career pathways and
20.32 certified credentials, workforce readiness,
20.33 financial readiness, and employment
20.34 placement and retention services. This is a
20.35 onetime appropriation.

21.1 (gg) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
21.2 workforce development fund for a grant to
21.3 Propel Nonprofits to provide capacity-building
21.4 grants and related technical assistance to small,
21.5 culturally specific organizations that primarily
21.6 serve historically underserved cultural
21.7 communities. Propel Nonprofits may only
21.8 award grants to nonprofit organizations that
21.9 have an annual organizational budget of less
21.10 than \$500,000. These grants may be used for:
21.11 (1) organizational infrastructure
21.12 improvements, including developing database
21.13 management systems and financial systems,
21.14 or other administrative needs that increase the
21.15 organization's ability to access new funding
21.16 sources;
21.17 (2) organizational workforce development,
21.18 including hiring culturally competent staff,
21.19 training and skills development, and other
21.20 methods of increasing staff capacity; or
21.21 (3) creating or expanding partnerships with
21.22 existing organizations that have specialized
21.23 expertise in order to increase capacity of the
21.24 grantee organization to improve services to
21.25 the community.
21.26 Of this amount, up to five percent may be used
21.27 by Propel Nonprofits for administrative costs.
21.28 This is a onetime appropriation.
21.29 (hh) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
21.30 development fund for a grant to Better Futures
21.31 Minnesota to provide job skills training to
21.32 individuals who have been released from
21.33 incarceration for a felony-level offense and

22.1 are no more than 12 months from the date of
22.2 release. This is a onetime appropriation.

22.3 (ii) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
22.4 development fund for a grant to the
22.5 Juxtaposition Arts Center to provide job
22.6 training and workforce development services
22.7 for underserved communities. This is a
22.8 onetime appropriation.

22.9 (jj) \$275,000 each year is from the workforce
22.10 development fund for a grant to Workforce
22.11 Development, Inc., to provide career
22.12 education, wraparound support services, and
22.13 job skills training in high-demand
22.14 manufacturing fields to low-income parents,
22.15 nonnative speakers of English, and other
22.16 hard-to-train individuals, helping families
22.17 build secure pathways out of poverty while
22.18 also addressing worker shortages in the
22.19 Owatonna and Steele County area. Funds may
22.20 be used for program expenses, including but
22.21 not limited to hiring instructors and navigators;
22.22 space rental; and supportive services to help
22.23 participants attend classes, including assistance
22.24 with course fees, child care, transportation,
22.25 and safe and stable housing. In addition, up to
22.26 five percent of grant funds may be used for
22.27 Workforce Development, Inc.'s administrative
22.28 costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is
22.29 available until June 30, 2023.

22.30 (kk) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
22.31 development fund for a grant to Pillsbury
22.32 United Communities to provide job training
22.33 and workforce development services for
22.34 underserved communities. This is a onetime
22.35 appropriation.

- 23.1 (ll) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
23.2 development fund for a grant to 30,000 Feet,
23.3 a nonprofit organization, to fund youth
23.4 apprenticeship jobs, after-school
23.5 programming, and summer learning loss
23.6 prevention for African American youth. This
23.7 is a onetime appropriation.
- 23.8 (mm) \$250,000 each year is from the
23.9 workforce development fund for the getting
23.10 to work grant program. This is a onetime
23.11 appropriation.
- 23.12 (nn) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
23.13 development fund for a grant to Project for
23.14 Pride in Living to provide job training and
23.15 workforce development services for
23.16 underserved communities. This is a onetime
23.17 appropriation.
- 23.18 (oo) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
23.19 workforce development fund for competitive
23.20 grants to organizations providing services to
23.21 relieve economic disparities in the African
23.22 immigrant community through workforce
23.23 recruitment, development, job creation,
23.24 assistance of smaller organizations to increase
23.25 capacity, and outreach. Of this amount, up to
23.26 five percent is for administration and
23.27 monitoring of the program. This is a onetime
23.28 appropriation.
- 23.29 (pp) \$250,000 each year is from the workforce
23.30 development fund for a grant to the Center for
23.31 Economic Inclusion for a strategic intervention
23.32 program designed to target and connect
23.33 program participants to meaningful,
23.34 sustainable living-wage employment. This is
23.35 a onetime appropriation.

24.1 (qq) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
24.2 development fund for a grant to YMCA of the
24.3 North to provide job training and workforce
24.4 development services for underserved
24.5 communities. This is a onetime appropriation.

24.6 (rr)(1) \$1,000,000 each year is from the
24.7 workforce development fund for grants to
24.8 assist internationally trained professionals in
24.9 earning the professional licenses required to
24.10 do similar work in Minnesota. The
24.11 commissioner shall work with local workforce
24.12 development boards to award these grants and
24.13 shall give preference to efforts to assist
24.14 professionals in occupations where there is
24.15 unmet local need for that profession's skills.
24.16 This is a onetime appropriation.

24.17 (2) Eligible uses of grant funds may include
24.18 but are not limited to:

24.19 (i) subsidizing the cost of training for or taking
24.20 required licensing examinations;

24.21 (ii) providing instruction in English as a
24.22 second language;

24.23 (iii) supportive services that increase the
24.24 success rate of individuals seeking licensing;
24.25 and

24.26 (iv) connecting newly licensed individuals
24.27 with appropriate employment.

24.28 (3) By February 15, 2024, and each February
24.29 15 in an even-numbered year thereafter, the
24.30 commissioner shall submit a report to the
24.31 chairs and ranking minority members of the
24.32 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
24.33 workforce development on the use of grant

25.1 funds and program outcomes. At a minimum,
 25.2 the report must include:
 25.3 (i) the number of new professional licenses
 25.4 facilitated by the program;
 25.5 (ii) information on the employment outcomes
 25.6 of individuals supported by the program; and
 25.7 (iii) any other quantifiable measures of
 25.8 success.

25.9 **Subd. 4. General Support Services** 3,692,000 4,005,000

25.10 Appropriations by Fund

25.11 General Fund 3,637,000 3,950,000

25.12 Workforce

25.13 Development 55,000 55,000

25.14 \$1,269,000 each year is for transfer to the
 25.15 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for
 25.16 operating the Olmstead Compliance Office.

25.17 **Subd. 5. Minnesota Trade Office** 2,142,000 2,142,000

25.18 (a) \$200,000 each year is for the STEP grants
 25.19 in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.979. The
 25.20 base for this purpose in fiscal year 2024 and
 25.21 beyond is \$300,000.

25.22 (b) \$180,000 each year is for the Invest
 25.23 Minnesota marketing initiative in Minnesota
 25.24 Statutes, section 116J.9781.

25.25 (c) \$270,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 25.26 Trade Offices under Minnesota Statutes,
 25.27 section 116J.978.

25.28 **Subd. 6. Vocational Rehabilitation** 36,691,000 36,691,000

25.29 Appropriations by Fund

25.30 General 28,861,000 28,861,000

25.31 Workforce

25.32 Development 7,830,000 7,830,000

26.1 (a) \$14,300,000 each year is for the state's
 26.2 vocational rehabilitation program under
 26.3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.

26.4 (b) \$8,995,000 each year from the general fund
 26.5 and \$6,830,000 each year from the workforce
 26.6 development fund are for extended
 26.7 employment services for persons with severe
 26.8 disabilities under Minnesota Statutes, section
 26.9 268A.15. Of the amounts appropriated from
 26.10 the general fund, \$2,000,000 each year is for
 26.11 maintaining prior rate increases to providers
 26.12 of extended employment services for persons
 26.13 with severe disabilities under Minnesota
 26.14 Statutes, section 268A.15.

26.15 (c) \$2,555,000 each year is for grants to
 26.16 programs that provide employment support
 26.17 services to persons with mental illness under
 26.18 Minnesota Statutes, sections 268A.13 and
 26.19 268A.14.

26.20 (d) \$3,011,000 each year is for grants to
 26.21 centers for independent living under
 26.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 268A.11.

26.23 (e) \$1,000,000 each year is from the workforce
 26.24 development fund for grants under Minnesota
 26.25 Statutes, section 268A.16, for employment
 26.26 services for persons, including transition-age
 26.27 youth, who are deaf, deafblind, or
 26.28 hard-of-hearing. If the amount in the first year
 26.29 is insufficient, the amount in the second year
 26.30 is available in the first year.

26.31 **Subd. 7. Services for the Blind**

6,425,000

6,425,000

26.32 Of this amount, \$500,000 each year is for
 26.33 senior citizens who are becoming blind. At
 26.34 least one-half of the funds for this purpose

27.1 must be used to provide training services for
 27.2 seniors who are becoming blind. Training
 27.3 services must provide independent living skills
 27.4 to seniors who are becoming blind to allow
 27.5 them to continue to live independently in their
 27.6 homes.

27.7 **Sec. 3. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
 27.8 **INDUSTRY**

27.9 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$ 31,817,000 \$ 30,717,000**

27.10 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
27.11		
27.12 <u>General</u>	<u>5,379,000</u>	<u>4,379,000</u>
27.13 <u>Workers'</u>		
27.14 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>22,991,000</u>	<u>22,991,000</u>
27.15 <u>Workforce</u>		
27.16 <u>Development</u>	<u>3,447,000</u>	<u>3,347,000</u>

27.17 The amounts that may be spent for each
 27.18 purpose are specified in the following
 27.19 subdivisions.

27.20 **Subd. 2. General Support** **6,939,000 6,939,000**

27.21 Appropriations by Fund

27.22 <u>General</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
27.23 <u>Workers'</u>		
27.24 <u>Compensation</u>	<u>6,039,000</u>	<u>6,039,000</u>

27.25 \$900,000 each year is for system upgrades.
 27.26 This appropriation is available until June 30,
 27.27 2023, and is a onetime appropriation. This
 27.28 appropriation includes funds for information
 27.29 technology project services and support
 27.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 27.31 16E.0466. Any ongoing information
 27.32 technology costs must be incorporated into
 27.33 the service level agreement and must be paid
 27.34 to the Office of MN.IT Services by the
 27.35 commissioner of labor and industry under the

28.1 rates and mechanism specified in that
 28.2 agreement.

28.3 **Subd. 3. Labor Standards and Apprenticeship** 6,226,000 5,226,000

28.4 Appropriations by Fund

28.5 General 4,479,000 3,479,000

28.6 Workforce

28.7 Development 1,747,000 1,747,000

28.8 (a) \$2,046,000 each year is for wage theft
 28.9 prevention.

28.10 (b) \$1,271,000 each year is from the
 28.11 workforce development fund for the
 28.12 apprenticeship program under Minnesota
 28.13 Statutes, chapter 178.

28.14 (c) \$151,000 each year is from the workforce
 28.15 development fund for prevailing wage
 28.16 enforcement.

28.17 (d) \$100,000 each year is from the workforce
 28.18 development fund for labor education and
 28.19 advancement program grants under Minnesota
 28.20 Statutes, section 178.11, to expand and
 28.21 promote registered apprenticeship training for
 28.22 minorities and women.

28.23 (e) \$225,000 each year is from the workforce
 28.24 development fund for grants to the
 28.25 Construction Careers Foundation for the
 28.26 Helmets to Hard Hats Minnesota initiative.
 28.27 Grant funds must be used to recruit, retain,
 28.28 assist, and support National Guard, reserve,
 28.29 and active duty military members' and
 28.30 veterans' participation into apprenticeship
 28.31 programs registered with the Department of
 28.32 Labor and Industry and connect them with
 28.33 career training and employment in the building
 28.34 and construction industry. The recruitment,

29.1 selection, employment, and training must be
 29.2 without discrimination due to race, color,
 29.3 creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual
 29.4 orientation, marital status, physical or mental
 29.5 disability, receipt of public assistance, or age.

29.6 This is a onetime appropriation.

29.7 (f) \$84,000 the first year and \$34,000 the
 29.8 second year are for outreach and enforcement
 29.9 efforts related to changes to the nursing
 29.10 mothers, lactating employees, and pregnancy
 29.11 accommodations law.

29.12 (g) \$1,000,000 the first year is for the loggers
 29.13 safety grant program.

29.14 **Subd. 4. Workers' Compensation** 11,882,000 11,882,000

29.15 This appropriation is from the workers'
 29.16 compensation fund.

29.17 **Subd. 5. Workplace Safety** 5,070,000 5,070,000

29.18 This appropriation is from the workers'
 29.19 compensation fund.

29.20 **Subd. 6. Workforce Development Initiatives** 1,700,000 1,600,000

29.21 (a) This appropriation is from the workforce
 29.22 development fund.

29.23 (b) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
 29.24 development fund for the pipeline program.

29.25 (c) \$200,000 each year is from the workforce
 29.26 development fund for identification of
 29.27 competency standards under Minnesota
 29.28 Statutes, section 175.45.

29.29 (d) \$1,100,000 each year is from the
 29.30 workforce development fund for youth skills
 29.31 training grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 29.32 section 175.46. Of this amount, \$100,000 each
 29.33 year is for administration of the program.

30.1 (e)(1) \$100,000 the first year is from the
 30.2 workforce development fund for a grant to
 30.3 Independent School District No. 294, Houston,
 30.4 for the Minnesota Virtual Academy's career
 30.5 pathway program with Operating Engineers
 30.6 Local 49. The program may include up to five
 30.7 semesters of courses, and must lead to
 30.8 eligibility into the Operating Engineers Local
 30.9 49 apprenticeship program. The grant may be
 30.10 used to encourage and support student
 30.11 participation in the career pathway program
 30.12 through additional academic, counseling, and
 30.13 other support services provided by the
 30.14 student's enrolling school district to provide
 30.15 these services. This appropriation is available
 30.16 until June 30, 2023; and

30.17 (2) by January 15, 2024, Independent School
 30.18 District No. 294, Houston, must submit a
 30.19 written report to the chairs and ranking
 30.20 minority members of the house of
 30.21 representatives and senate committees of the
 30.22 legislature having jurisdiction over education
 30.23 and workforce development describing
 30.24 students' experiences with the program. The
 30.25 report must document the program's spending,
 30.26 list the number of students participating in the
 30.27 program and entering the apprenticeship
 30.28 program, and make recommendations for
 30.29 improving support of career pathway programs
 30.30 statewide.

30.31 **Sec. 4. WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT**
 30.32 **OF APPEALS** \$ 2,283,000 \$ 2,283,000

30.33 This appropriation is from the workers'
 30.34 compensation fund.

30.35 **Sec. 5. BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES** \$ 2,370,000 \$ 2,415,000

31.1 (a) \$125,000 each year is for purposes of the
 31.2 Public Employment Relations Board under
 31.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.041. This
 31.4 is a onetime appropriation.

31.5 (b) \$68,000 each year is for grants to area
 31.6 labor management committees. Grants may
 31.7 be awarded for a 12-month period beginning
 31.8 July 1 each year. Any unencumbered balance
 31.9 remaining at the end of the first year does not
 31.10 cancel but is available for the second year.

31.11 (c) \$47,000 each year is for rulemaking,
 31.12 staffing, and other costs associated with peace
 31.13 officer grievance procedures.

31.14 **Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

31.15 \$6,200,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
 31.16 of transportation for project development of a land bridge freeway lid over marked Interstate
 31.17 Highway 94 in a portion of the segment from Lexington Avenue to Rice Street in St. Paul.
 31.18 This amount is available to match federal funds and for project planning and development,
 31.19 including area planning, community and land use planning, economic development planning,
 31.20 design, and project management and analysis. From this amount, the commissioner may
 31.21 make grants to Reconnect Rondo to perform any eligible project development activities.
 31.22 This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

31.23 **Sec. 7. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

31.24 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
 31.25 fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for the career
 31.26 and technical educator pilot project under article 2, section 25. Of this amount, \$250,000
 31.27 is for transfer to Winona State University and \$150,000 is for transfer to Minnesota State
 31.28 College Southeast for the purposes listed in article 2, section 25. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 31.29 Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until July
 31.30 1, 2025.

32.1 **Sec. 8. CANCELLATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

32.2 (a) \$18,265,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh
 32.3 Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 1, subdivision 7, is canceled.

32.4 (b) \$72,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh
 32.5 Special Session chapter 2, article 5, section 1, is canceled.

32.6 (c) \$901,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh
 32.7 Special Session chapter 2, article 4, section 1, subdivision 1, is canceled.

32.8 (d) \$25,000,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2020, Seventh
 32.9 Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 2, is canceled.

32.10 (e) \$205,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.11 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), estimated to be
 32.12 \$205,000, is canceled.

32.13 (f) \$50,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First Special
 32.14 Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (d), is canceled.

32.15 (g) \$125,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.16 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (aa), is canceled.

32.17 (h) \$1,022,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.18 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is canceled.

32.19 (i) \$203,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.20 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, is canceled.

32.21 (j) \$102,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.22 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 5, is canceled.

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

32.24 **ARTICLE 2**

32.25 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

32.26 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 41A.19, is amended to read:

32.27 **41A.19 REPORT; INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.**

32.28 By January 15 each year, the commissioner shall report on the incentive programs under
 32.29 sections 41A.16, 41A.17, ~~and~~ 41A.18, 41A.20, and 41A.21 to the legislative committees
 32.30 with jurisdiction over environment and agriculture policy and finance. The report shall
 32.31 include information on production and incentive expenditures under the programs.

33.1 **Sec. 2. [41A.21] ORIENTED STRAND BOARD PRODUCTION INCENTIVE.**

33.2 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
33.3 subdivision have the meanings given them.

33.4 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture.

33.5 (c) "Forest resources" means raw wood logs and material primarily made up of cellulose,
33.6 hemicellulose, or lignin, or a combination of those ingredients.

33.7 (d) "Oriented strand board" or "OSB" means a material manufactured into panels using
33.8 forest resources.

33.9 **Subd. 2. Eligibility.** (a) A facility eligible for payment under this section must source
33.10 at least 80 percent of its forest resources raw materials from Minnesota. The facility must
33.11 be located in Minnesota, must begin construction activities by December 31, 2022, for a
33.12 specific location, must begin production at a specific location by June 30, 2025, and must
33.13 not begin operating before January 1, 2022. Eligible facilities must be new OSB construction
33.14 sites with total capital investment in excess of \$250,000,000. Eligible OSB production
33.15 facilities must produce at least 200,000,000 OSB square feet on a 3/8 inch nominal basis
33.16 of OSB each year. At least one product produced at the facility should be a wood-based
33.17 wall or roof structural sheathing panel that has an integrated, cellulose-based paper overlay
33.18 that serves as a water resistive barrier.

33.19 (b) No payments shall be made for OSB production that occurs after June 30, 2036, for
33.20 those eligible producers under paragraph (a).

33.21 (c) An eligible producer of OSB shall not transfer the producer's eligibility for payments
33.22 under this section to a facility at a different location.

33.23 (d) A producer that ceases production for any reason is ineligible to receive payments
33.24 under this section until the producer resumes production.

33.25 **Subd. 3. Payment amounts; limits.** (a) The commissioner shall make payments to
33.26 eligible producers of OSB. The amount of the payment for each eligible producer's annual
33.27 production is \$7.50 per 1,000 OSB square feet on a 3/8 inch nominal basis of OSB produced
33.28 at a specific location for ten years starting after the first calendar year in which production
33.29 begins.

33.30 (b) Total payments under this section to an eligible OSB producer in a fiscal year may
33.31 not exceed the amount necessary for 400,000,000 OSB square feet on a 3/8 inch nominal
33.32 basis of OSB produced. Total payments under this section to all eligible OSB producers in
33.33 a fiscal year may not exceed the amount necessary for 400,000,000 OSB square feet on a

34.1 3/8 inch nominal basis of OSB produced. If the total amount for which all producers are
34.2 eligible in a quarter exceeds the amount available for payments, the commissioner shall
34.3 make the payments on a pro rata basis.

34.4 (c) For purposes of this section, an entity that holds a controlling interest in more than
34.5 one OSB facility is considered a single eligible producer.

34.6 Subd. 4. **Forest resources requirements.** Forest resources that are purchased to be used
34.7 at the facility must be in compliance with one or more of the following: the Sustainable
34.8 Forestry Initiative Fiber Sourcing Standard, the Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody
34.9 Standard, or the Forest Stewardship Controlled Wood Standard. For forest resources that
34.10 come from land parcels greater than 160 acres, all efforts must be made to procure from
34.11 land that is certified by one or more of the following: the Forest Stewardship Council Forest
34.12 Management Standard, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Forest Management Standard, or
34.13 the American Tree Farm System.

34.14 Subd. 5. **Claims.** (a) By the last day of October, January, April, and July, each eligible
34.15 OSB producer shall file a claim for payment for OSB production during the preceding three
34.16 calendar months. An eligible OSB producer that files a claim under this subdivision shall
34.17 include a statement of the eligible producer's total board feet of OSB produced during the
34.18 quarter covered by the claim. For each claim and statement of total board feet of OSB filed
34.19 under this subdivision, the board feet of OSB produced must be examined by a certified
34.20 public accounting firm with a valid permit to practice under chapter 326A, in accordance
34.21 with Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements established by the American
34.22 Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

34.23 (b) The commissioner must issue payments by November 15, February 15, May 15, and
34.24 August 15. A separate payment must be made for each claim filed.

34.25 Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** (a) In fiscal year 2025, a sum sufficient to make the payments
34.26 required by this section, not to exceed \$1,500,000, is appropriated from the general fund to
34.27 the commissioner. This is a onetime appropriation.

34.28 (b) From fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2034, a sum sufficient to make the payments
34.29 required by this section, not to exceed \$3,000,000 in a fiscal year, is annually appropriated
34.30 from the general fund to the commissioner.

34.31 Section 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.035, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

34.32 **Subd. 6. Receipt of gifts, money; appropriation.** (a) The commissioner may:

35.1 (1) apply for, accept, and disburse gifts, bequests, grants, payments for services, loans,
35.2 or other property from the United States, the state, private foundations, or any other source;

35.3 (2) enter into an agreement required for the gifts, grants, or loans; and

35.4 (3) hold, use, and dispose of its assets according to the terms of the gift, grant, loan, or
35.5 agreement.

35.6 (b) Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision must be deposited in a
35.7 separate account in the state treasury and invested by the State Board of Investment. The
35.8 amount deposited, including investment earnings, is appropriated to the commissioner to
35.9 carry out duties under this section.

35.10 (c) Money received by the commissioner under this subdivision for State Services for
35.11 the Blind is exempt from depositing gifts, bequests, charitable contributions, and similar
35.12 contributions made solely into the state treasury.

35.13 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

35.14 Subd. 2. **Eligible projects.** (a) An economic development project for which a county or
35.15 city may be eligible to receive a grant under this section includes:

35.16 (1) manufacturing;

35.17 (2) technology;

35.18 (3) warehousing and distribution;

35.19 (4) research and development;

35.20 (5) agricultural processing, defined as transforming, packaging, sorting, or grading
35.21 livestock or livestock products into goods that are used for intermediate or final consumption,
35.22 including goods for nonfood use; or

35.23 (6) industrial park development that would be used by any other business listed in this
35.24 subdivision even if no business has committed to locate in the industrial park at the time
35.25 the grant application is made.

35.26 (b) Up to 15 percent of the development of a project may be for a purpose that is not
35.27 included under this subdivision as an eligible project. A city or county must provide notice
35.28 to the commissioner for the commissioner's approval of the proposed project.

35.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
35.30 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
35.31 116J.431.

36.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

36.2 Subd. 3. **Ineligible projects.** ~~The following~~ Projects, including but not limited to the
 36.3 following types, are not eligible ineligible for a grant under this section:

36.4 (1) retail development; or

36.5 (2) office space development, except as incidental to an eligible purpose.

36.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 36.7 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
 36.8 116J.431.

36.9 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, is amended by adding a subdivision
 36.10 to read:

36.11 **Subd. 3a. Development restrictions expiration.** After ten years from the date of the
 36.12 grant award under this section, if an eligible project for which the public infrastructure was
 36.13 intended has not been developed, any other lawful project may be developed and supported
 36.14 by the public infrastructure. The city or county must notify the commissioner of the project.

36.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 36.16 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
 36.17 116J.431.

36.18 Sec. 7. **[116J.8749] MAIN STREET ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.**

36.19 **Subdivision 1. Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
 36.20 the meanings given.

36.21 (b) "Borrower" means an eligible recipient receiving a loan guaranteed under this section.

36.22 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

36.23 (d) "Eligible project" means the development, redevelopment, demolition, site preparation,
 36.24 predesign, design, engineering, repair, or renovation of real property or capital improvements.

36.25 Eligible projects must be designed to address the greatest economic development and
 36.26 redevelopment needs that have arisen in the community surrounding that real property since
 36.27 March 15, 2020. Eligible project includes but is not limited to the construction of buildings,
 36.28 infrastructure, and related site amenities, landscaping, or street-scaping. Eligible project
 36.29 does not include the purchase of real estate or business operations or business operating
 36.30 expenses, such as inventory, wages, or working capital.

36.31 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:

37.1 (1) business;

37.2 (2) nonprofit organization; or

37.3 (3) developer

37.4 that is seeking funding to complete an eligible project. Eligible recipient does not include
37.5 a partner organization or a local unit of government.

37.6 (f) "Guaranteed loan" means a loan guaranteed by the state for 80 percent of the loan
37.7 amount for a maximum period of 15 years from the origination of the loan.

37.8 (g) "Leveraged grant" means a grant that is matched by the eligible recipient's
37.9 commitment to the eligible project of nonstate funds at a level of 200 percent of the grant
37.10 amount. The nonstate match may include but is not limited to funds contributed by a partner
37.11 organization and insurance proceeds.

37.12 (h) "Loan guarantee trust fund" means a dedicated account established under this section
37.13 for the purpose of compensation for defaulted loan guarantees.

37.14 (i) "Partner organizations" or "partners" means:

37.15 (1) foundations engaged in economic development;

37.16 (2) community development financial institutions; and

37.17 (3) community development corporations.

37.18 (j) "Program" means the Main Street Economic Revitalization Program under this section.

37.19 (k) "Subordinated loan" means a loan secured by a lien that is lower in priority than one
37.20 or more specified other liens.

37.21 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish the Main Street Economic
37.22 Revitalization Program to make grants to partner organizations to fund leveraged grants
37.23 and guaranteed loans to specific named eligible recipients for eligible projects that are
37.24 designed to address the greatest economic development and redevelopment needs that have
37.25 arisen in the surrounding community since March 15, 2020.

37.26 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to
37.27 partner organizations to provide leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to eligible recipients
37.28 using criteria, forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the
37.29 commissioner.

37.30 (b) To be eligible for a grant, a partner organization must:

38.1 (1) outline a plan to provide leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to eligible recipients
38.2 for specific eligible projects that represent the greatest economic development and
38.3 redevelopment needs in the surrounding community. This plan must include an analysis of
38.4 the economic impact of the eligible projects the partner organization proposes to make these
38.5 investments in;

38.6 (2) establish a process of ensuring there are no conflicts of interest in determining awards
38.7 under the program; and

38.8 (3) demonstrate that the partner organization has raised funds for the specific purposes
38.9 of this program to commit to the proposed eligible projects or will do so within the 15-month
38.10 period following the encumbrance of funds. Existing assets and state or federal funds may
38.11 not be used to meet this requirement.

38.12 (c) Grants shall be made in up to three rounds:

38.13 (1) a first round with an application date before September 1, 2021, during which no
38.14 more than 50 percent of available funds will be granted;

38.15 (2) a second round with an application date after September 1, 2021, but before March
38.16 1, 2022; and

38.17 (3) a third round with an application date after June 30, 2023, if any funds remain after
38.18 the first two rounds.

38.19 A partner may apply in multiple rounds for projects that were not funded in earlier rounds
38.20 or for new projects.

38.21 (d) Up to four percent of a grant under this subdivision may be used by the partner
38.22 organization for administration and monitoring of the program.

38.23 Subd. 4. **Award criteria.** In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall
38.24 give funding preference to applications that:

38.25 (1) have the greatest regional economic impact under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clause
38.26 (1), particularly with regard to increasing the local tax base; and

38.27 (2) have the greatest portion of the estimated cost of the eligible projects met through
38.28 nonstate funds.

38.29 Subd. 5. **Leveraged grants to eligible recipients.** (a) A leveraged grant to an eligible
38.30 recipient shall be for no more than \$750,000.

38.31 (b) A leveraged grant may be used to finance no more than 30 percent of an eligible
38.32 project.

39.1 (c) An eligible project must have secured commitments for all required matching funds
39.2 and all required development approvals before a leveraged grant may be distributed.

39.3 Subd. 6. **Guaranteed loans to eligible recipients.** (a) A guaranteed loan to an eligible
39.4 recipient must:

39.5 (1) be for no more than \$2,000,000;

39.6 (2) be for a term of no more than 15 years; and

39.7 (3) comply with the terms under subdivision 7.

39.8 (b) An eligible project must have all required development approvals before a guaranteed
39.9 loan may be distributed.

39.10 (c) Upon origination of a guaranteed loan, the commissioner must reserve ten percent
39.11 of the loan amount into the loan guarantee trust fund created under subdivision 8.

39.12 (d) No guaranteed loan may be made to an eligible recipient after December 31, 2024.

39.13 Subd. 7. **Required terms for guaranteed loans.** For a guaranteed loan under the
39.14 program:

39.15 (1) principal and interest payments made by the borrower under the terms of the loan
39.16 are to reduce the guaranteed and nonguaranteed portion of the loan on a proportionate basis.
39.17 The nonguaranteed portion shall not receive preferential treatment over the guaranteed
39.18 portion;

39.19 (2) the partner organization shall not accelerate repayment of the loan or exercise other
39.20 remedies if the borrower defaults, unless:

39.21 (i) the borrower fails to make a required payment of principal or interest within 60 days
39.22 of the due date; or

39.23 (ii) the commissioner consents in writing;

39.24 (3) in the event of a default, the partner organization may not make a demand for payment
39.25 pursuant to the guarantee unless the commissioner agrees in writing that the default has
39.26 materially affected the rights or security of the parties;

39.27 (4) the partner organization must timely prepare and deliver to the commissioner, annually
39.28 by the date specified in the loan guarantee, an audited or reviewed financial statement for
39.29 the loan, prepared by a certified public accountant according to generally accepted accounting
39.30 principles, if available, and documentation that the borrower used the loan proceeds solely
39.31 for an eligible project;

40.1 (5) the commissioner shall have access to loan documents at any time subsequent to the
40.2 loan documents being submitted to the partner organization;

40.3 (6) the partner organization must maintain adequate records and documents concerning
40.4 the loan so that the commissioner may determine the borrower's financial condition and
40.5 compliance with program requirements;

40.6 (7) orderly liquidation of collateral securing the loan must be provided for in the event
40.7 of default, pursuant to the loan guarantee; and

40.8 (8) the guaranteed portion of the loan may be subordinate to other loans made by lenders
40.9 in the overall financing package.

40.10 Subd. 8. **Loan guarantee trust fund established.** A loan guarantee trust fund account
40.11 in the special revenue fund is created in the state treasury to pay for defaulted loan guarantees.
40.12 The commissioner shall administer this account. The day that this section expires, all
40.13 remaining funds in the account are canceled to the general fund.

40.14 Subd. 9. **Statewide program.** In proportion to eligible demand, leveraged grants and
40.15 guaranteed loans under this section shall be made so that an approximately equal dollar
40.16 amount of leveraged grants and guaranteed loans are made to businesses in the metropolitan
40.17 area as in the nonmetropolitan area, not to exceed 65 percent in any one area. After June
40.18 30, 2023, the department may allow leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to be made
40.19 anywhere in the state without regard to geographic area.

40.20 Subd. 10. **Exemptions.** All grants and grant-making processes under this section are
40.21 exempt from Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3; 16B.97; and 16B.98,
40.22 subdivisions 5, 7, and 8. The commissioner must audit the use of funds under this section
40.23 in accordance with standard accounting practices. The exemptions under this subdivision
40.24 expire on December 31, 2023.

40.25 Subd. 11. **Reports.** (a) By January 31, 2022, and annually until December 31, 2026,
40.26 after which biennial reporting will be permitted after the commissioner consults with the
40.27 legislature, partner organizations participating in the program must provide a report to the
40.28 commissioner that includes descriptions of the eligible projects supported by the program,
40.29 the type and amount of support provided, any economic development gains attributable to
40.30 the support, and an explanation of administrative expenses.

40.31 (b) By February 15, 2022, and annually until December 31, 2026, after which biennial
40.32 reporting will be permitted after the commissioner consults with the legislature, the
40.33 commissioner must report to the legislative committees in the house of representatives and

41.1 senate with jurisdiction over economic development about funding provided under this
41.2 program based on the information received under paragraph (a) and about the performance
41.3 of the loan guarantee trust fund.

41.4 Subd. 12. **Expiration.** This section expires December 31, 2036.

41.5 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, is amended by adding a subdivision to
41.6 read:

41.7 Subd. 2a. **Automation technology.** "Automation technology" means a process or
41.8 procedure performed with minimal human assistance. Automation or automatic control is
41.9 the use of various control systems for operating equipment such as machinery, processes
41.10 in factories, or other applications with minimal or reduced human intervention. Adoption,
41.11 implementation, and utilization of any one of three types of automation in production are
41.12 acceptable for consideration of this program, including fixed automation, programmable
41.13 automation, and flexible automation.

41.14 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

41.15 Subd. 5. **Employee.** "Employee" means the individual employed in a new or existing
41.16 job.

41.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

41.18 Subd. 6. **Employer.** "Employer" means the individual, corporation, partnership, limited
41.19 liability company, or association providing new jobs or investing in new automation
41.20 technology and entering into an agreement.

41.21 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

41.22 Subd. 9. **Program costs.** "Program costs" means all necessary and incidental costs of
41.23 providing program services, ~~except that program costs are increased by \$1,000 per employee~~
41.24 ~~for an individual with a disability.~~ The term does not include the cost of purchasing equipment
41.25 to be owned or used by the training or educational institution or service.

41.26 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

41.27 Subd. 10. **Program services.** "Program services" means training and education
41.28 specifically directed to new or existing jobs that are determined to be appropriate by the
41.29 commissioner, including in-house training; services provided by institutions of higher

42.1 education and federal, state, or local agencies; or private training or educational services.

42.2 Administrative services and assessment and testing costs are included.

42.3 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.4 Subdivision 1. **Service provision.** Upon request, the commissioner shall provide or
42.5 coordinate the provision of program services under sections 116L.40 to 116L.42 to a business
42.6 eligible for grants under this section ~~116L.42~~. The commissioner shall specify the form of
42.7 and required information to be provided with applications for projects to be funded with
42.8 grants under this section ~~116L.42~~.

42.9 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision
42.10 to read:

42.11 Subd. 1a. **Job training incentive program.** (a) The commissioner may provide grants
42.12 in aid of up to \$200,000 to new or expanding employers at a location in Minnesota and
42.13 outside of the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, for the
42.14 provision of program services using the guidelines in this subdivision.

42.15 (b) The program must involve training and education specifically directed to new jobs
42.16 that are determined to be appropriate by the commissioner.

42.17 (c) The program must give preference to projects that provide training for economically
42.18 disadvantaged people, people of color, or people with disabilities and to employers located
42.19 in economically distressed areas.

42.20 (d) Employers are eligible for reimbursement of program costs of up to \$10,000 per new
42.21 job for which training is provided, with an additional \$1,000 available per new job for an
42.22 individual with a disability.

42.23 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision
42.24 to read:

42.25 Subd. 1b. **Automation incentive program.** (a) The commissioner may provide grants
42.26 in aid of up to \$35,000 to employers at a location in Minnesota outside of the metropolitan
42.27 area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, for the provision of program services
42.28 using the guidelines in this subdivision.

42.29 (b) The employer must be an existing business located in Minnesota that is in the
42.30 manufacturing or skilled assembly production industry and has 150 or fewer full-time
42.31 employees companywide.

43.1 (c) The employer must be invested in new automation technology within the past year
 43.2 or plan to invest in new automation technology within the project time frame specified in
 43.3 the agreement under subdivision 3.

43.4 (d) The program must involve training and education for full-time, permanent employees
 43.5 that is directly related to the new automation technology.

43.6 (e) The program must give preference to projects that provide training for economically
 43.7 disadvantaged people, people of color, or people with disabilities and to employers located
 43.8 in economically distressed areas.

43.9 (f) Employers are eligible for program cost reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per employee
 43.10 trained on new automation technology and retained.

43.11 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.12 Subd. 2. **Agreements; required terms.** (a) The commissioner may enter into an
 43.13 agreement to establish a project with an employer that:

43.14 (1) identifies program costs to be paid from sources under the program;

43.15 (2) identifies program costs to be paid by the employer;

43.16 (3) provides that on-the-job training costs for employees may not exceed 50 percent of
 43.17 the annual gross wages and salaries of the new jobs in the first full year after execution of
 43.18 the agreement up to a maximum of \$10,000 per eligible employee;

43.19 (4) provides that each employee ~~must be paid wages at least equal to the median hourly~~
 43.20 ~~wage for the county in which the job is located, as reported in the most recently available~~
 43.21 ~~data from the United States Bureau of the Census, plus benefits, by the earlier of the end~~
 43.22 ~~of the training period or 18 months of employment under the project~~ receiving training
 43.23 through the project must be paid wages of at least 120 percent of the federal poverty
 43.24 guidelines for a family of four, plus benefits; and

43.25 (5) provides that job training will be provided and the length of time of training.

43.26 (b) Before entering into a final agreement, the commissioner shall:

43.27 (1) determine that sufficient funds for the project are available ~~under section 116L.42;~~
 43.28 and

43.29 (2) investigate the applicability of other training programs and determine whether the
 43.30 job skills partnership grant program is a more suitable source of funding for the training

44.1 and whether the training can be completed in a timely manner that meets the needs of the
44.2 business.

44.3 The investigation under clause (2) must be completed within 15 days or as soon as
44.4 reasonably possible after the employer has provided the commissioner with all the requested
44.5 information.

44.6 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.7 Subdivision 1. **Recovery of program costs.** Amounts paid by employers for program
44.8 costs are repaid by a job training grant equal to the lesser of the following:

44.9 (1) the amount of program costs specified in the agreement for the project; or

44.10 (2) the amount of program costs paid by the employer for ~~new~~ training employees under
44.11 a project.

44.12 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

44.13 Subd. 2. **Reports.** (a) By February 1, ~~2018~~ 2024, the commissioner shall report to the
44.14 governor and the legislature on the program. The report must include at least:

44.15 (1) the amount of grants issued under the program;

44.16 (2) the number of individuals receiving training under the program, including the number
44.17 of new hires who are individuals with disabilities;

44.18 (3) the number of new hires attributable to the program, including the number of new
44.19 hires who are individuals with disabilities;

44.20 (4) an analysis of the effectiveness of the grant in encouraging employment or investments
44.21 in automation technology; and

44.22 (5) any other information the commissioner determines appropriate.

44.23 (b) The report to the legislature must be distributed as provided in section 3.195.

44.24 Sec. 19. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
44.25 2017, First Special Session chapter 7, section 2, is amended to read:

44.26 Subd. 2. **Business and Community Development** \$ 46,074,000 \$ 40,935,000

44.27 Appropriations by Fund

44.28 General \$43,363,000 \$38,424,000

44.29 Remediation \$700,000 \$700,000

45.1	Workforce		
45.2	Development	\$1,861,000	\$1,811,000
45.3	Special Revenue	\$150,000	-0-

45.4 (a) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 45.5 job skills partnership program under
 45.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
 45.7 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
 45.8 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 45.9 year is available. This appropriation is
 45.10 available until spent.

45.11 (b) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
 45.12 Neighborhood Development Center for small
 45.13 business programs:

45.14 (1) training, lending, and business services;

45.15 (2) model outreach and training in greater
 45.16 Minnesota; and

45.17 (3) development of new business incubators.

45.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

45.19 (c) \$1,175,000 each year is for a grant to the
 45.20 Metropolitan Economic Development
 45.21 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
 45.22 development and assistance services, including
 45.23 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that
 45.24 have the potential to create job opportunities
 45.25 for unemployed and underemployed people,
 45.26 with an emphasis on minority-owned
 45.27 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

45.28 (d) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the
 45.29 White Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation
 45.30 Integrated Business Development System to
 45.31 provide business assistance with workforce
 45.32 development, outreach, technical assistance,
 45.33 infrastructure and operational support,

46.1 financing, and other business development
46.2 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

46.3 (e)(1) \$12,500,000 each year is for the
46.4 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota
46.5 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,
46.6 the commissioner of employment and
46.7 economic development may use up to three
46.8 percent for administration and monitoring of
46.9 the program. This appropriation is available
46.10 until spent.

46.11 (2) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
46.12 2018, \$4,000,000 is for a loan to construct and
46.13 equip a wholesale electronic component
46.14 distribution center investing a minimum of
46.15 \$200,000,000 and constructing a facility at
46.16 least 700,000 square feet in size. Loan funds
46.17 may be used for purchases of materials,
46.18 supplies, and equipment for the construction
46.19 of the facility and are available from July 1,
46.20 2017, to June 30, 2021. The commissioner of
46.21 employment and economic development shall
46.22 forgive the loan after verification that the
46.23 project has satisfied performance goals and
46.24 contractual obligations as required under
46.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

46.26 (3) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
46.27 2018, \$700,000 is for a ~~loan to extend an~~
46.28 ~~effluent pipe that will deliver reclaimed water~~
46.29 ~~to an innovative waste-to-biofuel project~~
46.30 ~~investing a minimum of \$150,000,000 and~~
46.31 ~~constructing a facility that is designed to~~
46.32 ~~process approximately 400,000 tons of waste~~
46.33 ~~annually. Loan grant to the Metropolitan~~
46.34 ~~Council under Minnesota Statutes, section~~
46.35 ~~116.195, for wastewater infrastructure to~~

47.1 support industrial users in Rosemount that
47.2 require significant water use. Grant funds are
47.3 available until June 30, ~~2021~~ 2025.

47.4 (f) \$8,500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
47.5 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
47.6 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
47.7 commissioner of employment and economic
47.8 development may use up to three percent for
47.9 administrative expenses. This appropriation
47.10 is available until expended. In fiscal year 2020
47.11 and beyond, the base amount is \$8,000,000.

47.12 (g) \$1,647,000 each year is for contaminated
47.13 site cleanup and development grants under
47.14 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
47.15 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
47.16 spent. In fiscal year 2020 and beyond, the base
47.17 amount is \$1,772,000.

47.18 (h) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
47.19 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

47.20 (i) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota
47.21 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
47.22 year is available only upon receipt by the
47.23 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
47.24 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
47.25 sources for every \$3 provided by this
47.26 appropriation, except that each year up to
47.27 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the
47.28 required matching contribution has not been
47.29 received by that date.

47.30 (j) \$500,000 each year is from the general fund
47.31 for a grant to the Minnesota Film and TV
47.32 Board for the film production jobs program
47.33 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26.

48.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
48.2 2021.

48.3 (k) \$139,000 each year is for a grant to the
48.4 Rural Policy and Development Center under
48.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.421.

48.6 (l)(1) \$1,300,000 each year is for the greater
48.7 Minnesota business development public
48.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
48.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
48.10 is available until spent. If the appropriation
48.11 for either year is insufficient, the appropriation
48.12 for the other year is available. In fiscal year
48.13 2020 and beyond, the base amount is
48.14 \$1,787,000. Funds available under this
48.15 paragraph may be used for site preparation of
48.16 property owned and to be used by private
48.17 entities.

48.18 (2) Of the amounts appropriated, \$1,600,000
48.19 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of
48.20 Thief River Falls to support utility extensions,
48.21 roads, and other public improvements related
48.22 to the construction of a wholesale electronic
48.23 component distribution center at least 700,000
48.24 square feet in size and investing a minimum
48.25 of \$200,000,000. Notwithstanding Minnesota
48.26 Statutes, section 116J.431, a local match is
48.27 not required. Grant funds are available from
48.28 July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

48.29 (m) \$876,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
48.30 second year are for the Minnesota emerging
48.31 entrepreneur loan program under Minnesota
48.32 Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds available
48.33 under this paragraph are for transfer into the
48.34 emerging entrepreneur program special
48.35 revenue fund account created under Minnesota

49.1 Statutes, chapter 116M, and are available until
49.2 spent. Of this amount, up to four percent is for
49.3 administration and monitoring of the program.

49.4 In fiscal year 2020 and beyond, the base
49.5 amount is \$1,000,000.

49.6 (n) \$875,000 each year is for a grant to
49.7 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small
49.8 business growth acceleration program under
49.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. This
49.10 is a onetime appropriation.

49.11 (o) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant
49.12 to the Minnesota Design Center at the
49.13 University of Minnesota for the greater
49.14 Minnesota community design pilot project.

49.15 (p) \$275,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the
49.16 general fund to the commissioner of
49.17 employment and economic development for
49.18 a grant to Community and Economic
49.19 Development Associates (CEDA) for an
49.20 economic development study and analysis of
49.21 the effects of current and projected economic
49.22 growth in southeast Minnesota. CEDA shall
49.23 report on the findings and recommendations
49.24 of the study to the committees of the house of
49.25 representatives and senate with jurisdiction
49.26 over economic development and workforce
49.27 issues by February 15, 2019. All results and
49.28 information gathered from the study shall be
49.29 made available for use by cities in southeast
49.30 Minnesota by March 15, 2019. This
49.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

49.32 (q) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a
49.33 grant to Pillsbury United Communities for
49.34 construction and renovation of a building in
49.35 north Minneapolis for use as the "North

50.1 Market" grocery store and wellness center,
50.2 focused on offering healthy food, increasing
50.3 health care access, and providing job creation
50.4 and economic opportunities in one place for
50.5 children and families living in the area. To the
50.6 extent possible, Pillsbury United Communities
50.7 shall employ individuals who reside within a
50.8 five mile radius of the grocery store and
50.9 wellness center. This appropriation is not
50.10 available until at least an equal amount of
50.11 money is committed from nonstate sources.
50.12 This appropriation is available until the project
50.13 is completed or abandoned, subject to
50.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

50.15 (r) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business
50.16 development competitive grant program. Of
50.17 this amount, up to five percent is for
50.18 administration and monitoring of the business
50.19 development competitive grant program. All
50.20 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
50.21 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

50.22 (s) \$875,000 each year is for the host
50.23 community economic development grant
50.24 program established in Minnesota Statutes,
50.25 section 116J.548.

50.26 (t) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
50.27 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
50.28 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
50.29 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
50.30 appropriation is available until spent.

50.31 (u) \$161,000 each year is from the workforce
50.32 development fund for a grant to the Rural
50.33 Policy and Development Center. This is a
50.34 onetime appropriation.

51.1 (v) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
51.2 development fund for a grant to Enterprise
51.3 Minnesota, Inc. This is a onetime
51.4 appropriation.

51.5 (w) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the
51.6 workforce development fund for a grant to
51.7 Fighting Chance for behavioral intervention
51.8 programs for at-risk youth.

51.9 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the
51.10 workforce development fund for job training
51.11 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
51.12 116L.42.

51.13 (y)(1) \$519,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for
51.14 grants to local communities to increase the
51.15 supply of quality child care providers in order
51.16 to support economic development. At least 60
51.17 percent of grant funds must go to communities
51.18 located outside of the seven-county
51.19 metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota
51.20 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant
51.21 recipients must obtain a 50 percent nonstate
51.22 match to grant funds in either cash or in-kind
51.23 contributions. Grant funds available under this
51.24 paragraph must be used to implement solutions
51.25 to reduce the child care shortage in the state
51.26 including but not limited to funding for child
51.27 care business start-ups or expansions, training,
51.28 facility modifications or improvements
51.29 required for licensing, and assistance with
51.30 licensing and other regulatory requirements.
51.31 In awarding grants, the commissioner must
51.32 give priority to communities that have
51.33 documented a shortage of child care providers
51.34 in the area.

52.1 (2) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
52.2 grant recipients must report to the
52.3 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
52.4 program including but not limited to the
52.5 number of new providers, the number of
52.6 additional child care provider jobs created, the
52.7 number of additional child care slots, and the
52.8 amount of local funds invested.

52.9 (3) By January 1 of each year, starting in 2019,
52.10 the commissioner must report to the standing
52.11 committees of the legislature having
52.12 jurisdiction over child care and economic
52.13 development on the outcomes of the program
52.14 to date.

52.15 (z) \$319,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the
52.16 general fund for a grant to the East Phillips
52.17 Improvement Coalition to create the East
52.18 Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to
52.19 expand culturally tailored resources that
52.20 address small business growth and create
52.21 green jobs. The grant shall fund the
52.22 collaborative work of Tamales y Bicicletas,
52.23 Little Earth of the United Tribes, a nonprofit
52.24 serving East Africans, and other coalition
52.25 members ~~towards~~ toward developing EPNI as
52.26 a community space to host activities including,
52.27 but not limited to, creation and expansion of
52.28 small businesses, culturally specific
52.29 entrepreneurial activities, indoor urban
52.30 farming, job training, education, and skills
52.31 development for residents of this low-income,
52.32 environmental justice designated
52.33 neighborhood. Eligible uses for grant funds
52.34 include, but are not limited to, planning and
52.35 start-up costs, staff and consultant costs,

53.1 building improvements, rent, supplies, utilities,
53.2 vehicles, marketing, and program activities.
53.3 The commissioner shall submit a report on
53.4 grant activities and quantifiable outcomes to
53.5 the committees of the house of representatives
53.6 and the senate with jurisdiction over economic
53.7 development by December 15, 2020. This
53.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

53.9 (aa) \$150,000 the first year is from the
53.10 renewable development account in the special
53.11 revenue fund established in Minnesota
53.12 Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to
53.13 conduct the biomass facility closure economic
53.14 impact study.

53.15 (bb)(1)\$300,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a
53.16 grant to East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC)
53.17 to expand culturally tailored resources that
53.18 address small business growth and job
53.19 creation. This appropriation is available until
53.20 June 30, 2020. The appropriation shall fund
53.21 the work of African Economic Development
53.22 Solutions, the Asian Economic Development
53.23 Association, the Dayton's Bluff Community
53.24 Council, and the Latino Economic
53.25 Development Center in a collaborative
53.26 approach to economic development that is
53.27 effective with smaller, culturally diverse
53.28 communities that seek to increase the
53.29 productivity and success of new immigrant
53.30 and minority populations living and working
53.31 in the community. Programs shall provide
53.32 minority business growth and capacity
53.33 building that generate wealth and jobs creation
53.34 for local residents and business owners on the
53.35 East Side of St. Paul.

54.1 (2) In fiscal year 2019 ESEC shall use funds
54.2 to share its integrated service model and
54.3 evolving collaboration principles with civic
54.4 and economic development leaders in greater
54.5 Minnesota communities which have diverse
54.6 populations similar to the East Side of St. Paul.
54.7 ESEC shall submit a report of activities and
54.8 program outcomes, including quantifiable
54.9 measures of success annually to the house of
54.10 representatives and senate committees with
54.11 jurisdiction over economic development.

54.12 (cc) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant
54.13 to Mille Lacs County for the purpose of
54.14 reimbursement grants to small resort
54.15 businesses located in the city of Isle with less
54.16 than \$350,000 in annual revenue, at least four
54.17 rental units, which are open during both
54.18 summer and winter months, and whose
54.19 business was adversely impacted by a decline
54.20 in walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.

54.21 (dd)(1) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a
54.22 grant to the Small Business Development
54.23 Center hosted at Minnesota State University,
54.24 Mankato, for a collaborative initiative with
54.25 the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial
54.26 Facilitation. Funds available under this section
54.27 must be used to provide entrepreneur and
54.28 small business development direct professional
54.29 business assistance services in the following
54.30 counties in Minnesota: Blue Earth, Brown,
54.31 Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley,
54.32 Watonwan, and Waseca. For the purposes of
54.33 this section, "direct professional business
54.34 assistance services" must include, but is not
54.35 limited to, pre-venture assistance for

55.1 individuals considering starting a business.
 55.2 This appropriation is not available until the
 55.3 commissioner determines that an equal amount
 55.4 is committed from nonstate sources. Any
 55.5 balance in the first year does not cancel and
 55.6 is available for expenditure in the second year.

55.7 (2) Grant recipients shall report to the
 55.8 commissioner by February 1 of each year and
 55.9 include information on the number of
 55.10 customers served in each county; the number
 55.11 of businesses started, stabilized, or expanded;
 55.12 the number of jobs created and retained; and
 55.13 business success rates in each county. By April
 55.14 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report
 55.15 the information submitted by grant recipients
 55.16 to the chairs of the standing committees of the
 55.17 house of representatives and the senate having
 55.18 jurisdiction over economic development
 55.19 issues.

55.20 (ee) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for the
 55.21 central Minnesota opportunity grant program
 55.22 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
 55.23 116J.9922. This appropriation is available until
 55.24 June 30, 2022.

55.25 (ff) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
 55.26 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
 55.27 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
 55.28 469.47.

55.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.

55.30 Sec. 20. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as
 55.31 amended by Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 12, section 4, and Laws 2020, chapter
 55.32 112, section 1, is amended to read:

55.33	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	44,931,000	42,381,000
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56.1	Appropriations by Fund		
56.2	General	40,756,000	38,206,000
56.3	Remediation	700,000	700,000
56.4	Workforce		
56.5	Development	3,475,000	3,475,000

56.6 (a) \$1,787,000 each year is for the greater
 56.7 Minnesota business development public
 56.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
 56.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
 56.10 is available until June 30, 2023.

56.11 (b) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business
 56.12 development competitive grant program. Of
 56.13 this amount, up to five percent is for
 56.14 administration and monitoring of the business
 56.15 development competitive grant program. All
 56.16 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
 56.17 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

56.18 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
 56.19 site cleanup and development grants under
 56.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
 56.21 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
 56.22 June 30, 2023.

56.23 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
 56.24 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
 56.25 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 56.26 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
 56.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023.

56.28 (e) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
 56.29 Rural Policy and Development.

56.30 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
 56.31 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
 56.32 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
 56.33 469.47.

57.1 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host
57.2 community economic development program
57.3 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
57.4 116J.548.

57.5 (h) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce
57.6 development fund for a grant to the White
57.7 Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation
57.8 Integrated Business Development System to
57.9 provide business assistance with workforce
57.10 development, outreach, technical assistance,
57.11 infrastructure and operational support,
57.12 financing, and other business development
57.13 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

57.14 (i) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce
57.15 development fund for a grant to Enterprise
57.16 Minnesota, Inc. for the small business growth
57.17 acceleration program under Minnesota
57.18 Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime
57.19 appropriation.

57.20 (j) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
57.21 Rondo Community Land Trust for
57.22 improvements to leased commercial space in
57.23 the Selby Milton Victoria Project that will
57.24 create long-term affordable space for small
57.25 businesses and for build-out and development
57.26 of new businesses.

57.27 (k) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce
57.28 development fund for a grant to the
57.29 Metropolitan Economic Development
57.30 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
57.31 development and assistance services, including
57.32 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that
57.33 have the potential to create job opportunities
57.34 for unemployed and underemployed people,

58.1 with an emphasis on minority-owned
58.2 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

58.3 (l) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for grants
58.4 to local communities to increase the supply of
58.5 quality child care providers to support
58.6 economic development. At least 60 percent of
58.7 grant funds must go to communities located
58.8 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area
58.9 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section
58.10 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant recipients must
58.11 obtain a 50 percent nonstate match to grant
58.12 funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.
58.13 Grant funds available under this section must
58.14 be used to implement projects to reduce the
58.15 child care shortage in the state, including but
58.16 not limited to funding for child care business
58.17 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
58.18 modifications or improvements required for
58.19 licensing, and assistance with licensing and
58.20 other regulatory requirements. In awarding
58.21 grants, the commissioner must give priority
58.22 to communities that have demonstrated a
58.23 shortage of child care providers in the area.
58.24 This is a onetime appropriation. Within one
58.25 year of receiving grant funds, grant recipients
58.26 must report to the commissioner on the
58.27 outcomes of the grant program, including but
58.28 not limited to the number of new providers,
58.29 the number of additional child care provider
58.30 jobs created, the number of additional child
58.31 care slots, and the amount of cash and in-kind
58.32 local funds invested.

58.33 (m) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for a grant
58.34 to the Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This
58.35 is a onetime appropriation and is available

59.1 until June 30, 2023. The Minnesota Initiative
59.2 Foundations must use grant funds under this
59.3 section to:

59.4 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
59.5 communities resulting in a community solution
59.6 action plan that guides decision making to
59.7 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
59.8 care in the region to support economic
59.9 development;

59.10 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
59.11 resources to support the community solution
59.12 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
59.13 vital component of additional regional
59.14 economic development planning processes;

59.15 (3) provide locally based training and technical
59.16 assistance to rural child care business owners
59.17 individually or through a learning cohort.
59.18 Access to financial and business development
59.19 assistance must prepare child care businesses
59.20 for quality engagement and improvement by
59.21 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
59.22 other sources, and fostering business acumen
59.23 that allows child care businesses to plan for
59.24 and afford the cost of providing quality child
59.25 care; or

59.26 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
59.27 in Parent Aware, Minnesota's quality and
59.28 improvement rating system, and other high
59.29 quality measurement programs. The Minnesota
59.30 Initiative Foundations must work with local
59.31 partners to provide low-cost training,
59.32 professional development opportunities, and
59.33 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
59.34 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
59.35 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to

60.1 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
60.2 rating through Parent Aware or other high
60.3 quality measurement programs.

60.4 (n)(1) \$650,000 each year from the workforce
60.5 development fund is for grants to the
60.6 Neighborhood Development Center for small
60.7 business programs. This is a onetime
60.8 appropriation.

60.9 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first
60.10 year, \$150,000 is for outreach and training
60.11 activities outside the seven-county
60.12 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
60.13 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

60.14 (o) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
60.15 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
60.16 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
60.17 commissioner of employment and economic
60.18 development may use up to three percent for
60.19 administrative expenses. This appropriation
60.20 is available until expended.

60.21 (p)(1) \$11,970,000 each year is for the
60.22 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota
60.23 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,
60.24 the commissioner of employment and
60.25 economic development may use up to three
60.26 percent for administration and monitoring of
60.27 the program. In fiscal year 2022 and beyond,
60.28 the base amount is \$12,370,000. This
60.29 appropriation is available until expended.

60.30 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
60.31 116J.8731, funds appropriated to the
60.32 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
60.33 fund may be used for the redevelopment
60.34 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
60.35 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of

61.1 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
61.2 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
61.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

61.4 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first
61.5 year, ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 is for a loan to a
61.6 paper mill in Duluth for a retrofit project that
61.7 will support the ~~operation and manufacture of~~
61.8 packaging conversion of the existing Duluth
61.9 paper mill for the manufacture of new paper
61.10 grades. The company that owns the paper mill
61.11 must ~~spend \$20,000,000 on invest~~
61.12 \$25,000,000 in project activities by December
61.13 ~~31, 2020~~ May 1, 2023, in order to be eligible
61.14 to receive this loan. Loan funds may be used
61.15 for purchases of materials, supplies, and
61.16 equipment for the project and are available
61.17 from ~~July 1, 2019~~ April 1, 2021, to ~~July 30,~~
61.18 ~~2021~~ May 1, 2023. The commissioner of
61.19 employment and economic development shall
61.20 forgive 25 percent of the loan each year after
61.21 the second year during a five-year period if
61.22 the mill has retained at least ~~150~~ 80 full-time
61.23 equivalent employees and has satisfied other
61.24 performance goals and contractual obligations
61.25 as required under Minnesota Statutes, section
61.26 116J.8731.

61.27 (q) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for the
61.28 airport infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant
61.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
61.30 116J.439.

61.31 (r) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for a grant
61.32 to FIRST in Upper Midwest to support
61.33 competitive robotics teams. Funds must be
61.34 used to make up to five awards of no more
61.35 than \$20,000 each to Minnesota-based public

62.1 entities or private nonprofit organizations for
62.2 the creation of competitive robotics hubs.
62.3 Awards may be used for tools, equipment, and
62.4 physical space to be utilized by robotics teams.
62.5 At least 50 percent of grant funds must be used
62.6 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area,
62.7 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section
62.8 473.121, subdivision 2. The grant recipient
62.9 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
62.10 members of the legislative committees with
62.11 jurisdiction over jobs and economic growth
62.12 by February 1, 2021, on the status of awards
62.13 and include information on the number and
62.14 amount of awards made, the number of
62.15 customers served, and any outcomes resulting
62.16 from the grant. The grant requires a 50 percent
62.17 match from nonstate sources.

62.18 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
62.19 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
62.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds
62.21 available under this paragraph are for transfer
62.22 into the emerging entrepreneur program
62.23 special revenue fund account created under
62.24 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
62.25 available until expended. Of this amount, up
62.26 to four percent is for administration and
62.27 monitoring of the program.

62.28 (t) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota
62.29 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
62.30 year is available only upon receipt by the
62.31 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
62.32 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
62.33 sources for every \$3 provided by this
62.34 appropriation, except that each year up to
62.35 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the

63.1 required matching contribution has not been
63.2 received by that date.

63.3 (u) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
63.4 Upper Minnesota Film Office.

63.5 (v) \$500,000 each year is from the general
63.6 fund for a grant to the Minnesota Film and TV
63.7 Board for the film production jobs program
63.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116U.26.

63.9 This appropriation is available until June 30,
63.10 2023.

63.11 (w) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
63.12 job skills partnership program under
63.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
63.14 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
63.15 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
63.16 year is available. This appropriation is
63.17 available until expended.

63.18 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the
63.19 workforce development fund for jobs training
63.20 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
63.21 116L.42.

63.22 (y) \$2,500,000 each year is for Launch
63.23 Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation
63.24 and funds are available until June 30, 2023.

63.25 Of this amount:

63.26 (1) \$1,600,000 each year is for innovation
63.27 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
63.28 start-up businesses to assist with their
63.29 operating needs;

63.30 (2) \$450,000 each year is for administration
63.31 of Launch Minnesota; and

63.32 (3) \$450,000 each year is for grantee activities
63.33 at Launch Minnesota.

64.1 (z) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
 64.2 development fund for a grant to Youthprise
 64.3 to give grants through a competitive process
 64.4 to community organizations to provide
 64.5 economic development services designed to
 64.6 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency
 64.7 in communities with concentrated East African
 64.8 populations. Such communities include but
 64.9 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.
 64.10 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. To the extent
 64.11 possible, Youthprise must make at least 50
 64.12 percent of these grants to organizations serving
 64.13 communities located outside the seven-county
 64.14 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 64.15 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This
 64.16 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 64.17 until June 30, 2022.

64.18 (aa) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the
 64.19 Hmong Chamber of Commerce to train
 64.20 ethnically Southeast Asian business owners
 64.21 and operators in better business practices. This
 64.22 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 64.23 until June 30, 2023.

64.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019.

64.25 Sec. 21. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 2, section 8, is amended to
 64.26 read:

64.27 Sec. 8. **LAUNCH MINNESOTA.**

64.28 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Launch Minnesota is established within the Business
 64.29 and Community Development Division of the Department of Employment and Economic
 64.30 Development to encourage and support the development of new private sector technologies
 64.31 and support the science and technology policies under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.222.
 64.32 Launch Minnesota must provide entrepreneurs and emerging technology-based companies
 64.33 business development assistance and financial assistance to spur growth.

65.1 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision
65.2 have the meanings given.

65.3 (b) "Advisory board" means the board established under subdivision 9.

65.4 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

65.5 (d) "Department" means the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

65.6 (e) "Entrepreneur" means a Minnesota resident who is involved in establishing a business
65.7 entity and secures resources directed to its growth while bearing the risk of loss.

65.8 (f) "Greater Minnesota" means the area of Minnesota located outside of the metropolitan
65.9 area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

65.10 (g) ~~"High technology" includes aerospace, agricultural processing, renewable energy,~~
65.11 ~~energy efficiency and conservation, environmental engineering, food technology, cellulose~~
65.12 ~~ethanol, information technology, materials science technology, nanotechnology,~~
65.13 ~~telecommunications, biotechnology, medical device products, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics,~~
65.14 ~~biologics, chemistry, veterinary science, and similar fields. Innovative technology and~~
65.15 ~~business" means a new novel business model or product; a derivative product incorporating~~
65.16 ~~new elements into an existing product; a new use for a product; or a new process or method~~
65.17 ~~for the manufacture, use, or assessment of any product or activity, patentability, or scalability.~~
65.18 ~~Innovative technology or business model does not include locally based retail, lifestyle, or~~
65.19 ~~business services. The business must not be primarily engaged in real estate development,~~
65.20 ~~insurance, banking, lending, lobbying, political consulting, information technology~~
65.21 ~~consulting, wholesale or retail trade, leisure, hospitality, transportation, construction, ethanol~~
65.22 ~~production from corn, or professional services provided by attorneys, accountants, business~~
65.23 ~~consultants, physicians, or health care consultants.~~

65.24 (h) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
65.25 136A.28, subdivision 6.

65.26 (i) "Minority group member" means a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident
65.27 who is Asian, Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic, or Native American.

65.28 (j) ~~"Minority-owned business" means a business for which one or more minority group~~
65.29 ~~members:~~

65.30 (1) ~~own at least 50 percent of the business or, in the case of a publicly owned business,~~
65.31 ~~own at least 51 percent of the stock; and~~

65.32 (2) ~~manage the business and control the daily business operations.~~

66.1 ~~(k)~~ (j) "Research and development" means any activity that is:

66.2 (1) a systematic, intensive study directed toward greater knowledge or understanding
66.3 of the subject studies;

66.4 (2) a systematic study directed specifically toward applying new knowledge to meet a
66.5 recognized need; or

66.6 (3) a systematic application of knowledge toward the production of useful materials,
66.7 devices, systems and methods, including design, development and improvement of prototypes
66.8 and new processes to meet specific requirements.

66.9 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Start-up" means a business entity that has been in operation for less than ten
66.10 years, has operations in Minnesota, and is in the development stage defined as devoting
66.11 substantially all of its efforts to establishing a new business and either of the following
66.12 conditions exists:

66.13 (1) planned principal operations have not commenced; or

66.14 (2) planned principal operations have commenced, but have generated less than
66.15 \$1,000,000 in revenue.

66.16 ~~(m)~~ (l) "Technology-related assistance" means the application and utilization of
66.17 technological-information and technologies to assist in the development and production of
66.18 new technology-related products or services or to increase the productivity or otherwise
66.19 enhance the production or delivery of existing products or services.

66.20 ~~(n)~~ (m) "Trade association" means a nonprofit membership organization organized to
66.21 promote businesses and business conditions and having an election under Internal Revenue
66.22 Code section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6).

66.23 ~~(o)~~ (n) "Veteran" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447.

66.24 ~~(p)~~ "Women" means persons of the female gender.

66.25 ~~(q)~~ "Women-owned business" means a business for which one or more women:

66.26 (1) own at least 50 percent of the business or, in the case of a publicly owned business,
66.27 own at least 51 percent of the stock; and

66.28 (2) manage the business and control the daily business operations.

66.29 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The commissioner, by and through Launch Minnesota, shall:

66.30 (1) support innovation and initiatives designed to accelerate the growth of ~~high-technology~~
66.31 innovative technology and business start-ups in Minnesota;

67.1 (2) in partnership with other organizations, offer classes and instructional sessions on
 67.2 how to start a ~~high-tech and innovative~~ an innovative technology and business start-up;

67.3 (3) promote activities for entrepreneurs and investors regarding the state's growing
 67.4 innovation economy;

67.5 (4) hold events and meetings that gather key stakeholders in the state's innovation sector;

67.6 (5) conduct outreach and education on innovation activities and related financial programs
 67.7 available from the department and other organizations, particularly for underserved
 67.8 communities;

67.9 (6) interact and collaborate with statewide partners including but not limited to businesses,
 67.10 nonprofits, trade associations, and higher education institutions;

67.11 (7) administer an advisory board to assist with direction, grant application review,
 67.12 program evaluation, report development, and partnerships;

67.13 (8) accept grant applications under subdivisions 5, 6, and 7 and work with the advisory
 67.14 board to review and prioritize the applications and provide recommendations to the
 67.15 commissioner; and

67.16 (9) perform other duties at the commissioner's discretion.

67.17 Subd. 4. **Administration.** (a) The ~~department~~ commissioner shall employ an executive
 67.18 director in the unclassified service, one staff member to support Launch Minnesota, and
 67.19 one staff member in the business and community development division to manage grants.
 67.20 The executive director shall:

67.21 (1) assist the commissioner and the advisory board in performing the duties of Launch
 67.22 Minnesota; and

67.23 (2) comply with all state and federal program requirements, and all state and federal
 67.24 securities and tax laws and regulations.

67.25 (b) ~~To the extent possible, the space that~~ Launch Minnesota ~~shall~~ may occupy and lease
 67.26 ~~must be~~ physical space in a private coworking facility that includes office space for staff
 67.27 and space for community engagement for training entrepreneurs. The physical space leased
 67.28 under this paragraph is exempt from the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.24,
 67.29 subdivision 6.

67.30 (c) At least three times per month, Launch Minnesota staff shall ~~visit~~ communicate with
 67.31 organizations in greater Minnesota that have received a grant under subdivision 7. To the

68.1 extent possible, Launch Minnesota shall form partnerships with organizations located
68.2 throughout the state.

68.3 (d) Launch Minnesota must accept grant applications under this section and provide
68.4 funding recommendations to the commissioner, ~~who~~ and the commissioner shall distribute
68.5 grants based in part on the recommendations.

68.6 Subd. 5. **Application process.** (a) The commissioner shall establish the application form
68.7 and procedures for grants.

68.8 (b) Upon receiving recommendations from Launch Minnesota, the ~~department~~
68.9 commissioner is responsible for evaluating all applications using evaluation criteria which
68.10 shall be developed by Launch Minnesota in consultation with the advisory board ~~and the~~
68.11 ~~commissioner~~.

68.12 (c) For grants under subdivision 6, priority shall be given if the applicant is:

68.13 (1) a business or entrepreneur located in greater Minnesota; or

68.14 (2) a business owner, individual with a disability, or entrepreneur who is a woman,
68.15 veteran, or minority group member.

68.16 (d) For grants under subdivision 7, priority shall be given if the applicant is planning to
68.17 serve:

68.18 (1) businesses or entrepreneurs located in greater Minnesota; or

68.19 (2) business owners, individuals with disabilities, or entrepreneurs who are women,
68.20 veterans, or minority group members.

68.21 (e) The department staff, and not Launch Minnesota staff, ~~is~~ are responsible for awarding
68.22 funding, disbursing funds, and monitoring grantee performance for all grants awarded under
68.23 this section.

68.24 (f) Grantees must provide matching funds by equal expenditures and grant payments
68.25 must be provided on a reimbursement basis after review of submitted receipts by the
68.26 department.

68.27 (g) Grant applications must be accepted on a regular periodic basis by Launch Minnesota
68.28 and must be reviewed by Launch Minnesota and the advisory board before being submitted
68.29 to the commissioner with their recommendations.

68.30 Subd. 6. **Innovation grants.** (a) The commissioner shall distribute innovation grants
68.31 under this subdivision.

69.1 (b) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$35,000 to an eligible business or
 69.2 entrepreneur for research and development expenses, direct business expenses, and the
 69.3 purchase of technical assistance or services from public higher education institutions and
 69.4 nonprofit entities. Research and development expenditures may include but are not limited
 69.5 to proof of concept activities, intellectual property protection, prototype designs and
 69.6 production, and commercial feasibility. Expenditures funded under this subdivision are not
 69.7 eligible for the research and development tax credit under Minnesota Statutes, section
 69.8 290.068. Direct business expenses may include rent, equipment purchases, and supplier
 69.9 invoices. Taxes imposed by federal, state, or local government entities may not be reimbursed
 69.10 under this paragraph. Technical assistance or services must be purchased to assist in the
 69.11 development or commercialization of a product or service to be eligible. Each business or
 69.12 entrepreneur may receive only one grant per biennium under this paragraph.

69.13 ~~(e) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$7,500 to reimburse an entrepreneur~~
 69.14 ~~for housing or child care expenses for the entrepreneur or their spouse or children. Each~~
 69.15 ~~entrepreneur may receive only one grant per biennium under this paragraph.~~

69.16 ~~(d)~~ (c) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$35,000 in Phase 1 or \$50,000
 69.17 in Phase 2 to an eligible business or entrepreneur that, as a registered client of the Small
 69.18 Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, has been awarded a first time Phase 1 or
 69.19 Phase 2 award pursuant to the SBIR or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)
 69.20 programs after July 1, 2019. Each business or entrepreneur may receive only one grant per
 69.21 biennium under this paragraph. Grants under this paragraph are not subject to the
 69.22 requirements of subdivision 2, paragraph ~~(j)~~ (k), but do require a recommendation from the
 69.23 Launch Minnesota advisory board.

69.24 Subd. 7. **Entrepreneur education grants.** (a) The commissioner shall make entrepreneur
 69.25 education grants to institutions of higher education and other organizations to provide
 69.26 educational programming to entrepreneurs and provide outreach to and collaboration with
 69.27 businesses, federal and state agencies, institutions of higher education, trade associations,
 69.28 and other organizations working to advance innovative, ~~high~~ technology businesses
 69.29 throughout Minnesota.

69.30 (b) Applications for entrepreneur education grants under this subdivision must be
 69.31 submitted to the commissioner and evaluated by department staff other than Launch
 69.32 Minnesota. The evaluation criteria must be developed by Launch Minnesota, in consultation
 69.33 with the advisory board, and the commissioner, and priority must be given to an applicant
 69.34 who demonstrates activity assisting ~~businesses~~ business owners or entrepreneurs residing
 69.35 in greater Minnesota or who are women, veterans, or minority group members.

70.1 (c) Department staff other than Launch Minnesota staff ~~is~~ are responsible for awarding
70.2 funding, disbursing funds, and monitoring grantee performance under this subdivision.

70.3 (d) Grantees may use the grant funds to deliver the following services:

70.4 (1) development and delivery to ~~high~~ high innovative technology businesses of industry
70.5 specific or innovative product or process specific counseling on issues of business formation,
70.6 market structure, market research and strategies, securing first mover advantage or
70.7 overcoming barriers to entry, protecting intellectual property, and securing debt or equity
70.8 capital. This counseling is to be delivered in a classroom setting or using distance media
70.9 presentations;

70.10 (2) outreach and education to businesses and organizations on the small business
70.11 investment tax credit program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8737, the MNvest
70.12 crowd-funding program under Minnesota Statutes, section 80A.461, and other state programs
70.13 that support ~~high~~ high innovative technology business creation especially in underserved
70.14 communities;

70.15 (3) collaboration with institutions of higher education, local organizations, federal and
70.16 state agencies, the Small Business Development Center, and the Small Business Assistance
70.17 Office to create and offer educational programming and ongoing counseling in greater
70.18 Minnesota that is consistent with those services offered in the metropolitan area; and

70.19 (4) events and meetings with other innovation-related organizations to inform
70.20 entrepreneurs and potential investors about Minnesota's growing ~~information~~ innovation
70.21 economy.

70.22 Subd. 8. **Report.** (a) Launch Minnesota shall report by December 31, 2022, and again
70.23 by December 31, 2023, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of
70.24 the house of representatives and senate having jurisdiction over economic development
70.25 policy and finance. Each report shall include information on the work completed, including
70.26 awards made by the department under this section and progress toward transferring ~~some~~
70.27 the activities of Launch Minnesota to an entity outside of state government.

70.28 (b) By December 31, 2024, Launch Minnesota shall provide a comprehensive transition
70.29 plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house of
70.30 representatives and senate having jurisdiction over economic development policy and
70.31 finance. The transition plan shall include: (1) a detailed strategy for the transfer of Launch
70.32 Minnesota activities to an entity outside of state government; (2) the projected date of the
70.33 transfer; and (3) the role of the state, if any, in ongoing activities of Launch Minnesota or
70.34 its successor entity.

71.1 Subd. 9. **Advisory board.** (a) The commissioner shall establish an advisory board to
 71.2 advise the executive director regarding the activities of Launch Minnesota, make the
 71.3 recommendations described in this section, and develop and initiate a strategic plan for
 71.4 transferring some activities of Launch Minnesota to a new or existing public-private
 71.5 partnership or nonprofit organization outside of state government.

71.6 (b) The advisory board shall consist of ten members and is governed by Minnesota
 71.7 Statutes, section 15.059. A minimum of seven members must be from the private sector
 71.8 representing business and at least two members but no more than three members must be
 71.9 from government and higher education. At least three of the members of the advisory board
 71.10 shall be from greater Minnesota and at least three members shall be minority group members.
 71.11 Appointees shall represent a range of interests, including entrepreneurs, large businesses,
 71.12 industry organizations, investors, and both public and private small business service
 71.13 providers.

71.14 (c) The advisory board shall select a chair from its private sector members. The executive
 71.15 director shall provide administrative support to the committee.

71.16 (d) The commissioner, or a designee, shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of
 71.17 the advisory board.

71.18 Subd. 10. **Expiration.** This section expires January 1, ~~2024~~ 2026.

71.19 **Sec. 22. ONETIME EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF MINNESOTA**
 71.20 **INVESTMENT FUND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUNDS.**

71.21 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, a home rule charter or
 71.22 statutory city, county, or town that has uncommitted money received from repayment of
 71.23 funds awarded under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, may choose to transfer 20
 71.24 percent of the balance of that money to the state general fund before June 30, 2022. Any
 71.25 local entity that does so may then use the remaining 80 percent of the uncommitted money
 71.26 as a general purpose aid for any lawful expenditure.

71.27 (b) By February 15, 2023, a home rule charter or statutory city, county, or town that
 71.28 exercises the option under paragraph (a) shall submit to the chairs of the legislative
 71.29 committees with jurisdiction over economic development policy and finance an accounting
 71.30 and explanation of the use and distribution of the funds.

72.1 Sec. 23. **MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND MINNESOTA JOB CREATION**
 72.2 **FUND REQUIREMENTS EXTENSIONS.**

72.3 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a recipient of a Minnesota Investment
 72.4 Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, or a recipient of a Minnesota Job
 72.5 Creation Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, who is unable to meet
 72.6 the minimum capital investment requirements, wage, or minimum job creation goals or
 72.7 requirements provided in a business subsidy agreement, as applicable, during or within the
 72.8 12-month period following a peacetime emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall
 72.9 be granted an extension until December 31, 2022, to meet those capital investment, wage,
 72.10 or job creation goals or requirements before the grant must be repaid.

72.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 15, 2020.

72.12 Sec. 24. **MAIN STREET COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

72.13 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
 72.14 the meanings given.

72.15 (b) "Business" means both for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations that earn
 72.16 revenue in ways similar to businesses, including but not limited to ticket sales and
 72.17 membership fees.

72.18 (c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

72.19 (d) "Partner organization" or "Partner" means the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and
 72.20 nonprofit corporations on the certified lenders list that the commissioner determines to be
 72.21 qualified to provide grants to businesses under this section.

72.22 (e) "Program" means the Main Street COVID-19 relief grant program under this section.

72.23 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish the Main Street COVID-19
 72.24 relief grant program to make grants to partner organizations to make grants to businesses
 72.25 that have been directly or indirectly impacted by executive orders related to the COVID-19
 72.26 pandemic.

72.27 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to
 72.28 partner organizations to provide grants to businesses under subdivision 4 or 5 using criteria,
 72.29 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the commissioner.

72.30 (b) Up to four percent of a grant under this subdivision may be used by the partner
 72.31 organization for administration and monitoring of the program.

73.1 (c) Any funds not spent by partner organizations by June 30, 2022, must be returned to
 73.2 the commissioner and canceled back to the general fund.

73.3 Subd. 4. Grants to businesses. (a) Partners shall make grants to businesses using criteria,
 73.4 forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the commissioner.

73.5 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must:

73.6 (1) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota;

73.7 (2) be at least 50 percent owned by a resident of the state of Minnesota;

73.8 (3) employ the equivalent of 200 full-time workers or less;

73.9 (4) be able to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

73.10 (5) include as part of their application a business plan for continued operation.

73.11 (c) Preference shall be given to businesses that did not receive previous assistance from
 73.12 the state under:

73.13 (1) the governor's Executive Order No. 20-15;

73.14 (2) Laws 2020, First Special Session chapter 1, section 4; or

73.15 (3) Laws 2020, Seventh Special Session chapter 2, article 4 or 5.

73.16 (d) Grants under this subdivision shall be awarded by randomized selection process after
 73.17 applications are collected over a period of no more than ten calendar days.

73.18 (e) Grants under this subdivision shall be for the following amounts:

73.19 (1) for businesses employing the equivalent of six full-time employees or less, \$10,000;

73.20 (2) for businesses employing the equivalent of more than six full-time employees, but
 73.21 less than 50, \$15,000;

73.22 (3) for businesses employing the equivalent of 50 or more full-time employees, but less
 73.23 than 100, \$20,000; and

73.24 (4) for businesses employing the equivalent of 100 or more full-time employees, \$25,000.

73.25 (f) No business may receive more than one grant under this section.

73.26 (g) Grant funds must be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent or
 73.27 mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar expenses that occur or have occurred
 73.28 since March 13, 2020, in the regular course of business, but not to refinance debt that existed
 73.29 at the time of the governor's COVID-19 peacetime emergency declaration.

74.1 Subd. 5. Grants to businesses renting space to other businesses. (a) Partners shall
74.2 make grants to businesses using criteria, forms, applications, and reporting requirements
74.3 developed by the commissioner.

74.4 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, a business must:

74.5 (1) be an operator of privately owned permanent indoor retail space that has an ethnic
74.6 cultural emphasis and at least 12 tenants that are primarily businesses with fewer than 20
74.7 employees;

74.8 (2) have primary business operations located in the state of Minnesota;

74.9 (3) be owned by a resident of the state of Minnesota;

74.10 (4) employ the equivalent of 200 full-time workers or less;

74.11 (5) be able to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

74.12 (6) include as part of their application a business plan for continued operation.

74.13 (c) Grants under this subdivision shall be for no more than \$300,000 and in an amount
74.14 proportional to the number of tenants.

74.15 (d) Up to \$25,000 of grant funds a business receives may be used for working capital
74.16 to support payroll expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar
74.17 expenses that occur or have occurred since March 13, 2020, in the regular course of business,
74.18 but not to refinance debt that existed at the time of the governor's COVID-19 peacetime
74.19 emergency declaration.

74.20 (e) The remainder of grant funds must be used to maintain existing tenants of the operator
74.21 through the issuing of credits or forgiveness of rent. Any tenant receiving such a benefit
74.22 from the grant must meet the requirements under subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and shall
74.23 receive preference according to subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

74.24 Subd. 6. Distribution of awards. (a) Of grant funds awarded under subdivision 4, a
74.25 minimum of:

74.26 (1) \$18,000,000 must be awarded to businesses that employ the equivalent of six full-time
74.27 workers or less;

74.28 (2) \$10,000,000 must be awarded to minority business enterprises, as defined in
74.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.14, subdivision 5;

74.30 (3) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by
74.31 veterans as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447; and

75.1 (4) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by
75.2 women.

75.3 (b) \$3,000,000 of available program funds must be awarded as grants under subdivision
75.4 5.

75.5 Subd. 7. **Exemptions.** All grants and grant making processes under this section are
75.6 exempt from Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.15, subdivision 3; 16B.97; and 16B.98,
75.7 subdivisions 5, 7, and 8. The commissioner must audit the use of grant funds under this
75.8 section in accordance with standard accounting practices. The exemptions under this
75.9 subdivision expire on December 31, 2021.

75.10 Subd. 8. **Reports.** (a) By January 31, 2022, partner organizations participating in the
75.11 program must provide a report to the commissioner that includes descriptions of the
75.12 businesses supported by the program, the amounts granted, and an explanation of
75.13 administrative expenses.

75.14 (b) By February 15, 2022, the commissioner must report to the legislative committees
75.15 in the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over economic development
75.16 about grants made under this section based on the information received under paragraph
75.17 (a).

75.18 **Sec. 25. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATOR PILOT PROJECT.**

75.19 By the 2024-2025 academic year, Winona State University must develop a teacher
75.20 preparation program that leads to initial licensure in at least one license area under Minnesota
75.21 Rules, parts 8710.8000 to 8710.8080. Winona State University must partner with Minnesota
75.22 State College Southeast to provide the subject matter training necessary for license areas
75.23 chosen. If practical, the partnership must result in a candidate earning an associate's degree
75.24 from Minnesota State College Southeast and a bachelor's degree from Winona State
75.25 University. Money appropriated for this project may be used for any of the following
75.26 purposes:

75.27 (1) analyzing existing course offerings at both institutions to determine compliance with
75.28 the requirements of Minnesota Rules, chapter 8705 and parts 8710.8000 to 8710.8080;

75.29 (2) determining any courses that need to be adjusted or created by each institution;

75.30 (3) designing and implementing any needed course; and

75.31 (4) providing administrative support for gaining approval of the program from the
75.32 Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

76.1 **ARTICLE 3**

76.2 **LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

76.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.7905, is amended by adding a subdivision
76.4 to read:

76.5 Subd. 8. **Data on individuals who are minors.** Disclosure of data on minors is governed
76.6 by section 181A.112.

76.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 178.012, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.8 Subdivision 1. **Apprenticeship rules.** Federal regulations governing apprenticeship in
76.9 effect on ~~July 1, 2013~~ January 18, 2017, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title
76.10 29, ~~part~~ parts 29, sections 29.1 to 29.6 and 29.11, and 30, are the apprenticeship rules in
76.11 this state, subject to amendment by this chapter or by rule under section 178.041.

76.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 181.939, is amended to read:

76.13 **181.939 NURSING MOTHERS, LACTATING EMPLOYEES, AND PREGNANCY**
76.14 **ACCOMMODATIONS.**

76.15 Subdivision 1. **Nursing mothers.** (a) An employer must provide reasonable ~~unpaid~~
76.16 break ~~time~~ times each day to an employee who needs to express breast milk for her infant
76.17 child during the twelve months following the birth of the child. The break ~~time~~ times must,
76.18 if possible, run concurrently with any break ~~time~~ times already provided to the employee.
76.19 An employer is not required to provide break ~~time~~ times under this section if to do so would
76.20 unduly disrupt the operations of the employer. An employer shall not reduce an employee's
76.21 compensation for time used for the purpose of expressing milk.

76.22 (b) The employer must make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, in
76.23 close proximity to the work area, other than a bathroom or a toilet stall, that is shielded from
76.24 view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public and that includes access to an
76.25 electrical outlet, where the employee can express ~~her~~ milk in privacy. The employer would
76.26 be held harmless if reasonable effort has been made.

76.27 (c) For the purposes of this ~~section~~ subdivision, "employer" means a person or entity
76.28 that employs one or more employees and includes the state and its political subdivisions.

76.29 (d) An employer ~~may~~ shall not retaliate against an employee for asserting rights or
76.30 remedies under this ~~section~~ subdivision.

77.1 Subd. 2. **Pregnancy accommodations.** (a) An employer must provide reasonable
 77.2 accommodations to an employee for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth
 77.3 upon request, with the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, unless
 77.4 the employer demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on
 77.5 the operation of the employer's business. A pregnant employee shall not be required to
 77.6 obtain the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, nor may an employer
 77.7 claim undue hardship for the following accommodations: (1) more frequent restroom, food,
 77.8 and water breaks; (2) seating; and (3) limits on lifting over 20 pounds. The employee and
 77.9 employer shall engage in an interactive process with respect to an employee's request for a
 77.10 reasonable accommodation. "Reasonable accommodation" may include but is not limited
 77.11 to temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, seating, frequent restroom
 77.12 breaks, and limits to heavy lifting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision,
 77.13 an employer shall not be required to create a new or additional position in order to
 77.14 accommodate an employee pursuant to this subdivision and shall not be required to discharge
 77.15 an employee, transfer another employee with greater seniority, or promote an employee.

77.16 (b) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to affect any other provision of law
 77.17 relating to sex discrimination or pregnancy or in any way diminish the coverage of pregnancy,
 77.18 childbirth, or health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth under any other provisions
 77.19 of any other law.

77.20 (c) An employer shall not require an employee to take a leave or accept an
 77.21 accommodation.

77.22 (d) An employer shall not retaliate against an employee for asserting rights or remedies
 77.23 under this subdivision.

77.24 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision, "employer" means a person or entity that employs
 77.25 fifteen or more employees and includes the state and its political subdivisions.

77.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2022.

77.27 Sec. 4. **[181A.112] DATA ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE MINORS.**

77.28 (a) When the commissioner collects, creates, receives, maintains, or disseminates the
 77.29 following data on individuals who the commissioner knows are minors, the data are
 77.30 considered private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12, except
 77.31 for data classified as public data according to section 13.43:

77.32 (1) name;

77.33 (2) date of birth;

- 78.1 (3) Social Security number;
 78.2 (4) telephone number;
 78.3 (5) e-mail address;
 78.4 (6) physical or mailing address;
 78.5 (7) location data;
 78.6 (8) online account access information; and
 78.7 (9) other data that would identify participants who have registered for events, programs,
 78.8 or classes sponsored by the Department of Labor and Industry.
- 78.9 (b) Data about minors classified under this section maintain their classification as private
 78.10 data on individuals after the individual is no longer a minor.

78.11 **Sec. 5. [299F.48] AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN EXISTING PUBLIC**
 78.12 **HOUSING BUILDINGS.**

78.13 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) An automatic sprinkler system must be installed in
 78.14 those portions of an entire existing public housing building in which an automatic sprinkler
 78.15 system would be required if the building were constructed on the effective date of this
 78.16 section. The automatic sprinkler system must comply with standards in the State Fire Code
 78.17 and the State Building Code and must be fully operational by August 1, 2033.

78.18 (b) For the purposes of this section, "public housing building" means housing for
 78.19 low-income persons and households financed by the federal government and owned and
 78.20 operated by the public housing authorities and agencies formed by cities and counties in
 78.21 which at least one story used for human occupancy is 75 feet or more above the lowest level
 78.22 of fire department vehicle access.

78.23 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** By August 1, 2023, the owner of a building subject to subdivision
 78.24 1 shall submit to the state fire marshal a letter stating the owner's intent to comply with this
 78.25 section and a plan for achieving compliance by the deadline in subdivision 1.

78.26 Subd. 3. **Extensions.** The commissioner of public safety, or the state fire marshal as the
 78.27 commissioner's designee, may grant extensions to the deadline for reporting under subdivision
 78.28 2 or the deadline for compliance under subdivision 1. Any extension must observe the spirit
 78.29 and intent of this section and be tailored to ensure public welfare and safety. To be eligible
 78.30 for an extension, the building owner must apply to the commissioner of public safety and
 78.31 demonstrate a genuine inability to comply within the time prescribed despite appropriate
 78.32 effort to do so.

79.1 Subd. 4. Effect on other laws. This section does not supersede the State Building Code
79.2 or State Fire Code.

79.3 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

79.4 Subdivision 1. **Membership.** (a) The Construction Codes Advisory Council consists of
79.5 the following members:

79.6 (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
79.7 Construction Codes and Licensing Division;

79.8 (2) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner of public safety's designee
79.9 representing the Department of Public Safety's State Fire Marshal Division;

79.10 (3) one member, appointed by the commissioner, with expertise in and engaged in each
79.11 of the following occupations or industries:

79.12 (i) certified building officials;

79.13 (ii) fire chiefs or fire marshals;

79.14 (iii) licensed architects;

79.15 (iv) licensed professional engineers;

79.16 (v) commercial building owners and managers;

79.17 (vi) the licensed residential building industry;

79.18 (vii) the commercial building industry;

79.19 (viii) the heating and ventilation industry;

79.20 (ix) a member of the Plumbing Board;

79.21 (x) a member of the Board of Electricity;

79.22 (xi) a member of the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems;

79.23 (xii) the boiler industry;

79.24 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;

79.25 (xiv) public utility suppliers;

79.26 (xv) the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council; ~~and~~

79.27 (xvi) local units of government;

79.28 (xvii) the energy conservation industry; and

80.1 (xviii) building accessibility.

80.2 (b) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee representing the department's
80.3 Construction Codes and Licensing Division shall serve as chair of the advisory council. For
80.4 members who are not state officials or employees, compensation and removal of members
80.5 of the advisory council are governed by section 15.059. The terms of the members of the
80.6 advisory council shall be four years. The terms of eight of the appointed members shall be
80.7 coterminous with the governor and the terms of the remaining nine appointed members
80.8 shall end on the first Monday in January one year after the terms of the other appointed
80.9 members expire. An appointed member may be reappointed. Each council member shall
80.10 appoint an alternate to serve in their absence.

80.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.092, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

80.12 Subd. 7. **License fees and license renewal fees.** (a) The license fee for each license is
80.13 the base license fee plus any applicable board fee, continuing education fee, and contractor
80.14 recovery fund fee and additional assessment, as set forth in this subdivision.

80.15 (b) For purposes of this section, "license duration" means the number of years for which
80.16 the license is issued except that if the initial license is not issued for a whole number of
80.17 years, the license duration shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

80.18 (c) If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a
80.19 continuing education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing
80.20 education fee for all license classifications is \$5.

80.21 ~~(c)~~ (d) The base license fee shall depend on whether the license is classified as an entry
80.22 level, master, journeyworker, or business license, and on the license duration. The base
80.23 license fee shall be:

	License Classification	License Duration	
		1 year	2 years
80.26	Entry level	\$10	\$20
80.27	Journeyworker	\$20	\$40
80.28	Master	\$40	\$80
80.29	Business		\$180

80.30 ~~(d) If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a~~
80.31 ~~continuing education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing~~
80.32 ~~education fee for all license classifications shall be: \$10 if the renewal license duration is~~
80.33 ~~one year; and \$20 if the renewal license duration is two years.~~

81.1 (e) If the license is issued under sections 326B.31 to 326B.59 or 326B.90 to 326B.925,
 81.2 then a board fee must be included in the license fee and the renewal license fee. The board
 81.3 fee for all license classifications shall be: \$4 if the license duration is one year; and \$8 if
 81.4 the license duration is two years.

81.5 (f) If the application is for the renewal of a license issued under sections 326B.802 to
 81.6 326B.885, then the contractor recovery fund fee required under section 326B.89, subdivision
 81.7 3, and any additional assessment required under section 326B.89, subdivision 16, must be
 81.8 included in the license renewal fee.

81.9 (g) Notwithstanding the fee amounts described in paragraphs ~~(e)~~ (d) to (f), for the period
 81.10 ~~July 1, 2017~~ October 1, 2021, through September 30, ~~2021~~ 2023, the following fees apply:

81.11	License Classification	License Duration	
81.12		1 year	2 years
81.13	Entry level	\$10	\$20
81.14	Journeyworker	\$15	\$30
81.15	Master	\$30	\$60
81.16	Business		\$120

81.17 ~~If there is a continuing education requirement for renewal of the license, then a continuing~~
 81.18 ~~education fee must be included in the renewal license fee. The continuing education fee for~~
 81.19 ~~all license classifications shall be \$5.~~

81.20 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

81.21 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "place of public accommodation"
 81.22 means a publicly or privately owned facility that is designed for occupancy by ~~200~~ 100 or
 81.23 more people and is a sports or entertainment arena, stadium, theater, community or
 81.24 convention hall, special event center, indoor amusement facility or water park, or indoor
 81.25 swimming pool.

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

81.27 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

81.28 Subd. 3. **Enforcement.** Effective July 1, 2017, in a municipality that has not adopted
 81.29 the code by ordinance under section 326B.121, subdivision 2, the commissioner shall enforce
 81.30 this section in accordance with section 326B.107, subdivision 1.

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

82.1 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.108, is amended by adding a subdivision
82.2 to read:

82.3 Subd. 5. **Fire sprinklers required.** Automatic sprinkler systems for fire protection
82.4 purposes are required in a place of public accommodation if, on or after August 1, 2008:

82.5 (1) the facility was constructed, added to, or altered; and

82.6 (2) the facility has an occupant load of 300 or more.

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

82.8 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.133, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

82.9 Subd. 8. **Continuing education requirements; extension of time.** (a) This subdivision
82.10 establishes the number of continuing education hours required within each two-year
82.11 certification period.

82.12 A certified building official shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education in
82.13 any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

82.14 A certified building official-limited shall accumulate ~~38~~ 35 hours of continuing education
82.15 in any education program that is approved under Minnesota Rules, part 1301.1000.

82.16 An accessibility specialist must accumulate nine hours of approved continuing education
82.17 hours in any of the education programs that are provided under Minnesota Rules, part
82.18 1301.1000, subpart 1 or 2. The nine hours must be in courses relating to building accessibility,
82.19 plan review, field inspection, or building code administration.

82.20 Continuing education programs may be approved as established in rule.

82.21 (b) Subject to sections 326B.101 to 326B.194, the commissioner may by rule establish
82.22 or approve continuing education programs for certified building officials dealing with
82.23 matters of building code administration, inspection, and enforcement.

82.24 Each person certified as a building official for the state must satisfactorily complete
82.25 applicable educational programs established or approved by the commissioner to renew
82.26 certification.

82.27 (c) The state building official may grant an extension of time to comply with continuing
82.28 education requirements if the certificate holder requesting the extension of time shows cause
82.29 for the extension. The request for the extension must be in writing. For purposes of this
82.30 section, the certificate holder's current certification effective dates shall remain the same.

83.1 The extension does not relieve the certificate holder from complying with the continuing
83.2 education requirements for the next two-year period.

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

83.4 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, is amended by adding a subdivision
83.5 to read:

83.6 Subd. 1d. **Commercial chemical dispensing system.** "Commercial chemical dispensing
83.7 system" means a method of dispensing and diluting concentrated chemical solution in a
83.8 commercial setting.

83.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.42, is amended by adding a subdivision
83.10 to read:

83.11 Subd. 1e. **Commercial dishwashing machine.** "Commercial dishwashing machine"
83.12 means a machine designed for commercial use to clean and sanitize plates, glasses, cups,
83.13 bowls, utensils, and trays by applying sprays of detergent solution, with or without blasting
83.14 media granules, and a sanitizing final rinse and the backflow prevention installed complies
83.15 with ANSI/ASSE 1004 or is certified to National Sanitization Foundation (NSF) 3.

83.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.46, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

83.17 Subdivision 1. **License required.** (a) No individual shall engage in or work at the business
83.18 of a master plumber, restricted master plumber, journeyworker plumber, and restricted
83.19 journeyworker plumber unless licensed to do so by the commissioner. A license is not
83.20 required for individuals performing building sewer or water service installation who have
83.21 completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner. A license is not required
83.22 for individuals servicing or installing a commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing
83.23 or replacing a commercial dishwashing machine, including connecting a commercial chemical
83.24 dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine to a water line or drain line, provided
83.25 that:

83.26 (1) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or
83.27 servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine is an employee of the
83.28 manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial
83.29 dishwashing machine;

83.30 (2) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or
83.31 servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine has a minimum of 25 hours of
83.32 classroom or laboratory training, a minimum of 20 hours of in-field training with a qualified

84.1 technician on the types of systems being installed, followed by a minimum of 100 hours of
 84.2 supervised field experience. The training and experience curriculum required under this
 84.3 clause must be approved by the commissioner, in consultation with the manufacturer or
 84.4 distributor, but the commissioner shall not require training or experience hours in excess
 84.5 of the amounts specified in this clause;

84.6 (3) the manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or
 84.7 commercial dishwashing machine must meet the insurance requirements of section 326B.46,
 84.8 subdivision 2, paragraph (c);

84.9 (4) the connection is a push fit fitting, compression fitting, or threaded pipe fitting to an
 84.10 existing water line or drain, which has been initially installed by a licensed plumber; and

84.11 (5) the commercial chemical dispensing system complies with ASSE 1055 or contains
 84.12 code-approved integral backflow protection.

84.13 A master plumber may also work as a journeyworker plumber, a restricted journeyworker
 84.14 plumber, and a restricted master plumber. A journeyworker plumber may also work as a
 84.15 restricted journeyworker plumber. Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which
 84.16 complies with the provisions of the minimum standards prescribed by the Plumbing Board
 84.17 on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as a
 84.18 residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

84.19 (b) No person shall engage in the business of planning, superintending, or installing
 84.20 plumbing or shall install plumbing in connection with the dealing in and selling of plumbing
 84.21 material and supplies unless at all times a licensed master plumber, or in cities and towns
 84.22 with a population of fewer than 5,000 according to the last federal census, a restricted master
 84.23 plumber, who shall be responsible for proper installation, is in charge of the plumbing work
 84.24 of the person.

84.25 (c) Except as provided in subdivision 1a, no person shall perform or offer to perform
 84.26 plumbing work with or without compensation unless the person obtains a contractor's license.
 84.27 A contractor's license does not of itself qualify its holder to perform the plumbing work
 84.28 authorized by holding a master, journeyworker, restricted master, or restricted journeyworker
 84.29 license.

84.30 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.31 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
 84.32 the meanings given them.

85.1 (b) "Gross annual receipts" means the total amount derived from residential contracting
 85.2 or residential remodeling activities, regardless of where the activities are performed, and
 85.3 must not be reduced by costs of goods sold, expenses, losses, or any other amount.

85.4 (c) "Licensee" means a person licensed as a residential contractor or residential remodeler.

85.5 (d) "Residential real estate" means a new or existing building constructed for habitation
 85.6 by one to four families, and includes detached garages intended for storage of vehicles
 85.7 associated with the residential real estate.

85.8 (e) "Fund" means the contractor recovery fund.

85.9 (f) "Owner" when used in connection with real property, means a person who has any
 85.10 legal or equitable interest in real property and includes a condominium or townhome
 85.11 association that owns common property located in a condominium building or townhome
 85.12 building or an associated detached garage. Owner does not include any real estate developer
 85.13 or any owner using, or intending to use, the property for a business purpose and not as
 85.14 owner-occupied residential real estate.

85.15 (g) "Cycle One" means the time period between July 1 and December 31.

85.16 (h) "Cycle Two" means the time period between January 1 and June 30.

85.17 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

85.18 Subd. 4. **Purpose of fund.** (a) The purpose of this fund is to:

85.19 (1) compensate owners or lessees of residential real estate who meet the requirements
 85.20 of this section;

85.21 (2) reimburse the department for all legal and administrative expenses, disbursements,
 85.22 and costs, including staffing costs, incurred in administering and defending the fund;

85.23 (3) pay for educational or research projects in the field of residential contracting to
 85.24 further the purposes of sections 326B.801 to 326B.825; and

85.25 (4) provide information to the public on residential contracting issues.

85.26 (b) No money from this fund may be transferred or spent unless the commissioner
 85.27 determines that the money is being transferred or spent for one of the purposes in paragraph
 85.28 (a).

86.1 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

86.2 Subd. 5. **Payment limitations.** The commissioner shall not pay compensation from the
 86.3 fund to an owner or a lessee in an amount greater than \$75,000 per licensee. The
 86.4 commissioner shall not pay compensation from the fund to owners and lessees in an amount
 86.5 that totals more than ~~\$300,000~~ \$550,000 per licensee. The commissioner shall only pay
 86.6 compensation from the fund for a final judgment that is based on a contract directly between
 86.7 the licensee and the homeowner or lessee that was entered into prior to the cause of action
 86.8 and that requires licensure as a residential building contractor or residential remodeler.

86.9 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.89, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

86.10 Subd. 9. **Satisfaction of applications for compensation.** The commissioner shall pay
 86.11 compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to the terms of an agreement
 86.12 that has been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), or pursuant to a final order that
 86.13 has been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8 by December 1 of the fiscal
 86.14 ~~year following the fiscal year during which the agreement was entered into or during which~~
 86.15 ~~the order became final, subject to the limitations of this section. At the end of each fiscal~~
 86.16 ~~year the commissioner shall calculate the amount of compensation to be paid from the fund~~
 86.17 ~~pursuant to agreements that have been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), and final~~
 86.18 ~~orders that have been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8. If the calculated~~
 86.19 ~~amount exceeds the amount available for payment, then the commissioner shall allocate the~~
 86.20 ~~amount available among the owners and the lessees in the ratio that the amount agreed to~~
 86.21 ~~or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee bears to the amount calculated. The~~
 86.22 ~~commissioner shall mail notice of the allocation to all owners and lessees not less than 45~~
 86.23 ~~days following the end of the fiscal year. 31 for applications submitted by July 1 or June~~
 86.24 ~~30 for applications submitted by January 1 of the fiscal year. The commissioner shall not~~
 86.25 ~~pay compensation to owners or lessees that totals more than \$275,000 per licensee during~~
 86.26 ~~Cycle One of a fiscal year nor shall the commissioner pay out during Cycle One if the payout~~
 86.27 ~~will result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund. If compensation paid to owners or lessees~~
 86.28 ~~in Cycle One would total more than \$275,000 or would result in exhaustion of a licensee's~~
 86.29 ~~fund in Cycle One, the commissioner shall not make a final determination of compensation~~
 86.30 ~~for claims against the licensee until the completion of Cycle Two. If the claims against a~~
 86.31 ~~licensee for the fiscal year result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund or the fund as a whole,~~
 86.32 ~~the commissioner must prorate the amount available among the owners and lessees based~~
 86.33 ~~on the amount agreed to or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee. The commissioner~~
 86.34 ~~shall mail notice of the proration to all owners and lessees no later than March 31 of the~~
 86.35 ~~current fiscal year. Any compensation paid by the commissioner in accordance with this~~

87.1 subdivision shall be deemed to satisfy and extinguish any right to compensation from the
87.2 fund based upon the verified application of the owner or lessee.

87.3 Sec. 19. Laws 2014, chapter 211, section 13, as amended by Laws 2015, First Special
87.4 Session chapter 1, article 7, section 1, Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 7, section 42, and
87.5 Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 12, section 1, is amended to read:

87.6 Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

87.7 Sections 1 to 3 and 6 to 11 are effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and on July 1,
87.8 2023. Sections 4, 5, and 12 are effective July 1, 2014.

87.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to this section are effective retroactively from
87.10 June 30, 2020, except that any investigation and proceedings related to an unfair labor
87.11 practice charge currently pending before the Public Employee Relations Board as of the
87.12 date of enactment of this section shall be conducted according to the process in place under
87.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 179A.052 and 179A.13, as of July 1, 2020, and the board shall
87.14 retain jurisdiction over any pending charge. Following enactment of this section and until
87.15 July 1, 2023, any employee, employer, employee or employer organization, exclusive
87.16 representative, or any other person or organization aggrieved by an unfair labor practice as
87.17 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.13, may bring an action for injunctive relief
87.18 and for damages caused by the unfair labor practice in the district court of the county in
87.19 which the practice is alleged to have occurred.

87.20 Sec. 20. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 3, subdivision 4, is
87.21 amended to read:

87.22	Subd. 4. Workers' Compensation	14,882,000	11,882,000
87.23	<p>\$3,000,000 the first year is from the workers'</p>		
87.24	<p>compensation fund for workers' compensation</p>		
87.25	<p>system upgrades. This amount is available</p>		
87.26	<p>until June 30, 2021 <u>2023</u>. This is a onetime</p>		
87.27	<p>appropriation.</p>		

87.28 Sec. 21. **LOGGERS SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM.**

87.29 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
87.30 the meanings given.

87.31 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and industry.

88.1 (c) "Program" means the loggers safety grant program under this section.

88.2 Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner shall establish a loggers safety grant program
88.3 to provide matching funding for logging industry employers to make safety improvements
88.4 recommended by an on-site safety survey.

88.5 Subd. 3. **Grant eligibility.** (a) To be eligible for a grant under this section, an employer
88.6 must:

88.7 (1) be an employer in the logging industry, or a closely associated field, with at least
88.8 one employee;

88.9 (2) have current workers' compensation insurance provided through the assigned risk
88.10 plan, provided by an insurer subject to penalties under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 176, or
88.11 as an approved self-insured employer; and

88.12 (3) have an on-site safety survey with results that recommend specific equipment or
88.13 practices that will reduce the risk of injury or illness to employees. This survey must have
88.14 been conducted by a Minnesota occupational safety and health compliance investigator or
88.15 workplace safety consultation consultant, an in-house safety and health committee, a workers'
88.16 compensation insurance underwriter, a private consultant, or a person under contract with
88.17 the assigned risk plan.

88.18 (b) Grant funds may be used for all or part of the cost of the following:

88.19 (1) purchasing and installing recommended safety equipment;

88.20 (2) operating or maintaining recommended safety equipment;

88.21 (3) property, if the property is necessary to meet the recommendations of the on-site
88.22 safety survey;

88.23 (4) training required to operate recommended safety equipment; and

88.24 (5) tuition reimbursement for educational costs related to the recommendations of the
88.25 on-site safety survey.

88.26 Subd. 4. **Evaluation criteria.** The commissioner shall evaluate applications, submitted
88.27 on forms developed by the commissioner, based on whether the proposed project:

88.28 (1) is technically and economically feasible;

88.29 (2) is consistent with the recommendations of the on-site safety survey and the objective
88.30 of reducing risk of injury or illness to employees;

89.1 (3) was submitted by an applicant with sufficient experience, knowledge, and commitment
 89.2 for the project to be implemented in a timely manner;

89.3 (4) has the necessary financial commitments to cover all project costs;

89.4 (5) has the support of all public entities necessary for its completion; and

89.5 (6) complies with federal, state, and local regulations.

89.6 Subd. 5. Awards. (a) Grants under this section shall provide a match of up to \$25,000
 89.7 for private funds committed by the employer to implement the recommended safety
 89.8 equipment or practices.

89.9 (b) Grants will be awarded to all applicants that meet the eligibility and evaluation criteria
 89.10 under subdivisions 3 and 4. If there are more eligible requests than funding, awards will be
 89.11 prorated.

89.12 (c) Grant recipients are not eligible to apply for another grant under Minnesota Statutes,
 89.13 chapter 176, until two years after the date of the award.

89.14 Subd. 6. Report. By January 15, 2023, the commissioner must report to the legislative
 89.15 committees in the house of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over labor and
 89.16 industry about grants made under this program.

89.17 Sec. 22. REPEALER.

89.18 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 181.9414, is repealed.

89.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2022.

89.20 **ARTICLE 4**

89.21 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

89.22 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.035, subdivision 21c, is amended to read:

89.23 Subd. 21c. **Reemployment assistance training.** (a) An applicant is in "reemployment
 89.24 assistance training" when:

89.25 (1)(i) a reasonable opportunity for suitable employment for the applicant does not exist
 89.26 in the labor market area and additional training will assist the applicant in obtaining suitable
 89.27 employment;

89.28 ~~(2)~~ (ii) the curriculum, facilities, staff, and other essentials are adequate to achieve the
 89.29 training objective;

90.1 ~~(3)~~ (iii) the training is vocational or short term academic training directed to an occupation
 90.2 or skill that will substantially enhance the employment opportunities available to the applicant
 90.3 in the applicant's labor market area;

90.4 ~~(4)~~ (iv) the training course is full time by the training provider; and

90.5 ~~(5)~~ (v) the applicant is making satisfactory progress in the training;

90.6 (2) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in one or more programs offered by
 90.7 an adult basic education consortium under section 124D.518. Programs may include but
 90.8 are not limited to:

90.9 (i) general educational development diploma preparation;

90.10 (ii) local credit completion adult high school diploma preparation;

90.11 (iii) state competency-based adult high school diploma preparation;

90.12 (iv) basic skills enhancement training focused on math, functional literacy, reading, or
 90.13 writing;

90.14 (v) computer skills training; or

90.15 (vi) English as a second language instruction;

90.16 (3) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an English as a second language
 90.17 program taught by a licensed instructor;

90.18 (4) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in an over-the-road truck driving
 90.19 training program offered by a college or university within the Minnesota state system; or

90.20 (5) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in a program funded under section
 90.21 116L.99.

90.22 (b) Full-time training provided through the dislocated worker program, the Trade Act
 90.23 of 1974, as amended, or the North American Free Trade Agreement is "reemployment
 90.24 assistance training," if that training course is in accordance with the requirements of that
 90.25 program.

90.26 (c) Apprenticeship training provided in order to meet the requirements of an
 90.27 apprenticeship program under chapter 178 is "reemployment assistance training."

90.28 (d) An applicant is in reemployment assistance training only if the training course has
 90.29 actually started or is scheduled to start within 30 calendar days.

90.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

91.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

91.2 Subd. 2. **Not eligible.** An applicant is ineligible for unemployment benefits for any week:

91.3 (1) that occurs before the effective date of a benefit account;

91.4 (2) that the applicant, at any time during the week, has an outstanding misrepresentation
91.5 overpayment balance under section 268.18, subdivision 2, including any penalties and
91.6 interest;

91.7 ~~(3) that occurs in a period when the applicant is a student in attendance at, or on vacation~~
91.8 ~~from a secondary school including the period between academic years or terms;~~

91.9 ~~(4)~~ (3) that the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service.
91.10 The applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount is reduced by one-fifth for each day
91.11 the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service;

91.12 ~~(5)~~ (4) that the applicant fails or refuses to provide information on an issue of ineligibility
91.13 required under section 268.101;

91.14 ~~(6)~~ (5) that the applicant is performing services 32 hours or more, in employment, covered
91.15 employment, noncovered employment, volunteer work, or self-employment regardless of
91.16 the amount of any earnings; or

91.17 ~~(7)~~ (6) with respect to which the applicant has filed an application for unemployment
91.18 benefits under any federal law or the law of any other state. If the appropriate agency finally
91.19 determines that the applicant is not entitled to establish a benefit account under federal law
91.20 or the law of any other state, this clause does not apply.

91.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

91.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

91.23 Subd. 4a. **Social Security disability benefits.** (a) An applicant who is receiving, has
91.24 received, or has filed for primary Social Security disability benefits for any week is ineligible
91.25 for unemployment benefits for that week, unless:

91.26 (1) the Social Security Administration approved the collecting of primary Social Security
91.27 disability benefits each month the applicant was employed during the base period; or

91.28 (2) the applicant provides a statement from an appropriate health care professional who
91.29 is aware of the applicant's Social Security disability claim and the basis for that claim,
91.30 certifying that the applicant is available for suitable employment.

92.1 (b) If an applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), there is no
 92.2 deduction from the applicant's weekly benefit amount for any Social Security disability
 92.3 benefits.

92.4 ~~(c) If an applicant meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (2), there must be~~
 92.5 ~~deducted from the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount 50 percent of the~~
 92.6 ~~weekly equivalent of the primary Social Security disability benefits the applicant is receiving,~~
 92.7 ~~has received, or has filed for, with respect to that week.~~

92.8 ~~If the Social Security Administration determines that the applicant is not entitled to~~
 92.9 ~~receive primary Social Security disability benefits for any week the applicant has applied~~
 92.10 ~~for those benefits, then this paragraph does not apply to that week.~~

92.11 ~~(d)~~ (c) Information from the Social Security Administration is conclusive, absent specific
 92.12 evidence showing that the information was erroneous.

92.13 ~~(e)~~ (d) This subdivision does not apply to Social Security survivor benefits.

92.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

92.15 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.133, is amended to read:

92.16 **268.133 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHILE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL**
 92.17 **TRAINING.**

92.18 Unemployment benefits are available to dislocated workers participating in the converting
 92.19 layoffs into Minnesota businesses (CLIMB) program under section 116L.17, subdivision
 92.20 11. Applicants participating in CLIMB are considered in reemployment assistance training
 92.21 under section 268.035, subdivision 21c. All requirements under section 268.069, subdivision
 92.22 1, must be met, except the commissioner may waive:

92.23 (1) the deductible earnings provisions in section 268.085, subdivision 5; and

92.24 (2) the 32 hours of work limitation in section 268.085, subdivision 2, clause ~~(6)~~ (5). A
 92.25 maximum of 500 applicants may receive a waiver at any given time.

92.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

92.27 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.136, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.28 Subdivision 1. **Shared work plan requirements.** An employer may submit a proposed
 92.29 shared work plan for an employee group to the commissioner for approval in a manner and
 92.30 format set by the commissioner. The proposed shared work plan must include:

93.1 (1) a certified statement that the normal weekly hours of work of all of the proposed
93.2 participating employees were full time or regular part time but are now reduced, or will be
93.3 reduced, with a corresponding reduction in pay, in order to prevent layoffs;

93.4 (2) the name and Social Security number of each participating employee;

93.5 (3) the number of layoffs that would have occurred absent the employer's ability to
93.6 participate in a shared work plan;

93.7 (4) a certified statement that each participating employee was first hired by the employer
93.8 at least ~~one year~~ three months before the proposed shared work plan is submitted and is not
93.9 a seasonal, temporary, or intermittent worker;

93.10 (5) the hours of work each participating employee will work each week for the duration
93.11 of the shared work plan, which must be at least 50 percent of the normal weekly hours but
93.12 no more than 80 percent of the normal weekly hours, except that the plan may provide for
93.13 a uniform vacation shutdown of up to two weeks;

93.14 (6) a certified statement that any health benefits and pension benefits provided by the
93.15 employer to participating employees will continue to be provided under the same terms and
93.16 conditions as though the participating employees' hours of work each week had not been
93.17 reduced;

93.18 (7) a certified statement that the terms and implementation of the shared work plan is
93.19 consistent with the employer's obligations under state and federal law;

93.20 (8) an acknowledgment that the employer understands that unemployment benefits paid
93.21 under a shared work plan will be used in computing the future tax rate of a taxpaying
93.22 employer or charged to the reimbursable account of a nonprofit or government employer;

93.23 (9) the proposed duration of the shared work plan, which must be at least two months
93.24 and not more than one year, although a plan may be extended for up to an additional year
93.25 upon approval of the commissioner;

93.26 (10) a starting date beginning on a Sunday at least 15 calendar days after the date the
93.27 proposed shared work plan is submitted; and

93.28 (11) a signature of an owner or officer of the employer who is listed as an owner or
93.29 officer on the employer's account under section 268.045.

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

94.1 **Sec. 6. CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF FIVE-WEEK BUSINESS OWNER**
94.2 **BENEFIT LIMITATION.**

94.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 9, the five-week
94.4 limitation for receipt of unemployment benefits for business owners is suspended for
94.5 applicants for unemployment insurance benefit accounts established between December
94.6 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021.

94.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 27, 2020.

94.8 **Sec. 7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO COVID-19.**

94.9 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 13a, for an applicant
94.10 applying for an unemployment insurance benefit account established between December
94.11 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021, a leave of absence is presumed to be an involuntary leave
94.12 of absence and not ineligible if:

94.13 (1) a determination has been made by health authorities or by a health care professional
94.14 that the presence of the applicant in the workplace would jeopardize the health of others,
94.15 whether or not the applicant has actually contracted a communicable disease;

94.16 (2) a quarantine or isolation order has been issued to the applicant pursuant to Minnesota
94.17 Statutes, sections 144.419 to 144.4196;

94.18 (3) there is a recommendation from health authorities or from a health care professional
94.19 that the applicant should self-isolate or self-quarantine due to elevated risk from COVID-19
94.20 due to being immunocompromised;

94.21 (4) the applicant has been instructed by the applicant's employer not to come to the
94.22 employer's place of business due to an outbreak of a communicable disease; or

94.23 (5) the applicant has received a notification from a school district, day care, or other
94.24 child care provider that either (i) classes are canceled, or (ii) the applicant's ordinary child
94.25 care is unavailable, provided that the applicant made reasonable effort to obtain other child
94.26 care and requested time off or other accommodation from the employer and no reasonable
94.27 accommodation was available.

94.28 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from December 27, 2020.

95.1 Sec. 8. **REPORT ON IMPACT TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST**

95.2 **FUND.**

95.3 By January 14, 2022, the commissioner of employment and economic development shall
95.4 submit a report to chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having
95.5 jurisdiction over economic development detailing the impact to the Minnesota unemployment
95.6 insurance trust fund of eligibility for secondary school students and removal of the Social
95.7 Security offset.

95.8 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

95.9 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.085, subdivision 4, is repealed.

95.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 3, 2022.

181.9414 PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Accommodation.** An employer must provide reasonable accommodations to an employee for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth if she so requests, with the advice of her licensed health care provider or certified doula, unless the employer demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the employer's business. A pregnant employee shall not be required to obtain the advice of her licensed health care provider or certified doula, nor may an employer claim undue hardship for the following accommodations: (1) more frequent restroom, food, and water breaks; (2) seating; and (3) limits on lifting over 20 pounds. The employee and employer shall engage in an interactive process with respect to an employee's request for a reasonable accommodation. "Reasonable accommodation" may include, but is not limited to, temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, seating, frequent restroom breaks, and limits to heavy lifting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an employer shall not be required to create a new or additional position in order to accommodate an employee pursuant to this section, and shall not be required to discharge any employee, transfer any other employee with greater seniority, or promote any employee.

Subd. 2. **Interaction with other laws.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any other provision of law relating to sex discrimination or pregnancy, or in any way to diminish the coverage of pregnancy, childbirth, or health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth under any other provisions of any other law.

Subd. 3. **No employer retribution.** An employer shall not retaliate against an employee for requesting or obtaining accommodation under this section.

Subd. 4. **Employee not required to take leave.** An employer shall not require an employee to take a leave or accept an accommodation.

268.085 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; PAYMENTS THAT AFFECT BENEFITS.

Subd. 4. **Social Security old age insurance benefits.** (a) If all of the applicant's wage credits were earned while the applicant was claiming Social Security old age benefits, there is no deduction of the Social Security benefits from the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount.

(b) Unless paragraph (a) applies, 50 percent of the weekly equivalent of the primary Social Security old age benefit the applicant has received, has filed for, or intends to file for, with respect to that week must be deducted from an applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount.

(c) Any applicant aged 62 or over is required to state when filing an application for unemployment benefits and when filing continued requests for unemployment benefits if the applicant is receiving, has filed for, or intends to file for, primary Social Security old age benefits.

(d) Information from the Social Security Administration is conclusive, absent specific evidence showing that the information was erroneous.

(e) This subdivision does not apply to Social Security survivor benefits.