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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; 116J.035, subdivision 6; 116J.431, subdivisions 2, 3, by

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

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

1.13 178.012, subdivision 1; 181.939; 268.035, subdivision 21c; 268.085, subdivisions

1.14 2, 4a; 268.133; 268.136, subdivision 1; 326B.07, subdivision 1; 326B.092,

1.15 subdivision 7; 326B.108, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 326B.133,

1.16 subdivision 8; 326B.42, by adding subdivisions; 326B.46, subdivision 1; 326B.89,

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

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

1.19 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, sections 2, subdivision 2, as amended; 3,

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

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

1.22 181.9414; 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.41.

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. This appropriation is available
8.33 until June 30, 2025.

- 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 Appropriations by Fund

10.7 <u>General</u>	<u>7,421,000</u>	<u>7,421,000</u>
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10.8 Workforce

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

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	<u>Subd. 4. Workers' Compensation</u>	<u>11,882,000</u>	<u>11,882,000</u>
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29.15 This appropriation is from the workers'
 29.16 compensation fund.

29.17	<u>Subd. 5. Workplace Safety</u>	<u>5,070,000</u>	<u>5,070,000</u>
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29.18 This appropriation is from the workers'
 29.19 compensation fund.

29.20	<u>Subd. 6. Workforce Development Initiatives</u>	<u>1,700,000</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>
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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. MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**

31.15 \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$0 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the general
 31.16 fund to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for the career
 31.17 and technical educator pilot project under article 2, section 25. Of this amount, \$250,000
 31.18 is for transfer to Winona State University and \$150,000 is for transfer to Minnesota State
 31.19 College Southeast for the purposes listed in article 2, section 25. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 31.20 Statutes, section 16A.28, unencumbered balances under this section do not cancel until July
 31.21 1, 2025.

31.22 **Sec. 7. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL**
 31.23 **FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.**

31.24 (a) No later than September 30, 2021, the commissioner of employment and economic
 31.25 development must prepare and submit an application to the United States Department of
 31.26 the Treasury requesting that \$70,000,000 of Minnesota's capital projects fund allocation
 31.27 under Public Law 117-2 be awarded to the state. The commissioner must specify in the
 31.28 application that the award will be used for grants and the purposes specified under Minnesota
 31.29 Statutes, section 116J.395.

31.30 (b) If \$70,000,000 is awarded pursuant to the application required in paragraph (a),
 31.31 notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 3.3005 and 4.07, \$35,000,000 in fiscal year
 31.32 2022 and \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated from the federal funds received
 31.33 by the state of Minnesota pursuant to the application required in paragraph (a) to the

32.1 commissioner of employment and economic development. This is a onetime appropriation
 32.2 and must be used for grants and the purposes specified under Minnesota Statutes, section
 32.3 116J.395.

32.4 Sec. 8. CANCELLATIONS; FISCAL YEAR 2021.

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

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

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

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

32.13 (e) \$205,000 of the fiscal year 2021 general fund appropriation in Laws 2019, First
 32.14 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), estimated to be
 32.15 \$205,000, is canceled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

32.27 **ARTICLE 2**

32.28 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

32.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.035, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33.16 (1) manufacturing;

33.17 (2) technology;

33.18 (3) warehousing and distribution;

33.19 (4) research and development;

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

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

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

33.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
33.30 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
33.31 116J.431.

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

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

34.4 (1) retail development; or

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

34.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 34.7 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
 34.8 116J.431.

34.9 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.431, is amended by adding a subdivision
 34.10 to read:

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

34.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 34.16 applies to projects that have been funded previously under Minnesota Statutes, section
 34.17 116J.431.

34.18 Sec. 5. **[116J.8749] MAIN STREET ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

34.31 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:

35.1 (1) business;

35.2 (2) nonprofit organization; or

35.3 (3) developer

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

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

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

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

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

35.15 (1) foundations engaged in economic development;

35.16 (2) community development financial institutions; and

35.17 (3) community development corporations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36.15 (2) a second round with an application date after September 1, 2021, but before March
36.16 1, 2022; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37.23 (ii) the commissioner consents in writing;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38.14 Subd. 9. **Statewide program.** In proportion to eligible demand, leveraged grants and
38.15 guaranteed loans under this section shall be made so that an approximately equal dollar
38.16 amount of leveraged grants and guaranteed loans are made to businesses in the metropolitan
38.17 area as in the nonmetropolitan area, not to exceed 65 percent in any one area. After June
38.18 30, 2023, the department may allow leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to be made
38.19 anywhere in the state without regard to geographic area.

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

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

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

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

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

39.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 39.6 read:

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

39.14 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

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

39.17 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.40, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

40.2 Administrative services and assessment and testing costs are included.

40.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

40.9 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision
40.10 to read:

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

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

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

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

40.23 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, is amended by adding a subdivision
40.24 to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

41.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.41, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42.6 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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

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

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

42.12 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.42, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42.24 Sec. 17. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws
42.25 2017, First Special Session chapter 7, section 2, is amended to read:

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

42.27 Appropriations by Fund

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

42.29 Remediation \$700,000 \$700,000

43.1	Workforce		
43.2	Development	\$1,861,000	\$1,811,000
43.3	Special Revenue	\$150,000	-0-

43.4 (a) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
 43.5 job skills partnership program under
 43.6 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
 43.7 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
 43.8 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 43.9 year is available. This appropriation is
 43.10 available until spent.

43.11 (b) \$750,000 each year is for grants to the
 43.12 Neighborhood Development Center for small
 43.13 business programs:

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

43.15 (2) model outreach and training in greater
 43.16 Minnesota; and

43.17 (3) development of new business incubators.

43.18 This is a onetime appropriation.

43.19 (c) \$1,175,000 each year is for a grant to the
 43.20 Metropolitan Economic Development
 43.21 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
 43.22 development and assistance services, including
 43.23 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that
 43.24 have the potential to create job opportunities
 43.25 for unemployed and underemployed people,
 43.26 with an emphasis on minority-owned
 43.27 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

43.28 (d) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the
 43.29 White Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation
 43.30 Integrated Business Development System to
 43.31 provide business assistance with workforce
 43.32 development, outreach, technical assistance,
 43.33 infrastructure and operational support,

44.1 financing, and other business development
44.2 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

44.3 (e)(1) \$12,500,000 each year is for the
44.4 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota
44.5 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,
44.6 the commissioner of employment and
44.7 economic development may use up to three
44.8 percent for administration and monitoring of
44.9 the program. This appropriation is available
44.10 until spent.

44.11 (2) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
44.12 2018, \$4,000,000 is for a loan to construct and
44.13 equip a wholesale electronic component
44.14 distribution center investing a minimum of
44.15 \$200,000,000 and constructing a facility at
44.16 least 700,000 square feet in size. Loan funds
44.17 may be used for purchases of materials,
44.18 supplies, and equipment for the construction
44.19 of the facility and are available from July 1,
44.20 2017, to June 30, 2021. The commissioner of
44.21 employment and economic development shall
44.22 forgive the loan after verification that the
44.23 project has satisfied performance goals and
44.24 contractual obligations as required under
44.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

44.26 (3) Of the amount appropriated in fiscal year
44.27 2018, \$700,000 is for a ~~loan to extend an~~
44.28 ~~effluent pipe that will deliver reclaimed water~~
44.29 ~~to an innovative waste-to-biofuel project~~
44.30 ~~investing a minimum of \$150,000,000 and~~
44.31 ~~constructing a facility that is designed to~~
44.32 ~~process approximately 400,000 tons of waste~~
44.33 ~~annually. Loan grant to the Metropolitan~~
44.34 ~~Council under Minnesota Statutes, section~~
44.35 ~~116.195, for wastewater infrastructure to~~

45.1 support industrial users in Rosemount that
45.2 require significant water use. Grant funds are
45.3 available until June 30, ~~2021~~ 2025.

45.4 (f) \$8,500,000 each year is for the Minnesota
45.5 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
45.6 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
45.7 commissioner of employment and economic
45.8 development may use up to three percent for
45.9 administrative expenses. This appropriation
45.10 is available until expended. In fiscal year 2020
45.11 and beyond, the base amount is \$8,000,000.

45.12 (g) \$1,647,000 each year is for contaminated
45.13 site cleanup and development grants under
45.14 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
45.15 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
45.16 spent. In fiscal year 2020 and beyond, the base
45.17 amount is \$1,772,000.

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

45.20 (i) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota
45.21 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
45.22 year is available only upon receipt by the
45.23 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
45.24 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
45.25 sources for every \$3 provided by this
45.26 appropriation, except that each year up to
45.27 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the
45.28 required matching contribution has not been
45.29 received by that date.

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

46.1 This appropriation is available until June 30,
46.2 2021.

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

46.6 (l)(1) \$1,300,000 each year is for the greater
46.7 Minnesota business development public
46.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
46.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
46.10 is available until spent. If the appropriation
46.11 for either year is insufficient, the appropriation
46.12 for the other year is available. In fiscal year
46.13 2020 and beyond, the base amount is
46.14 \$1,787,000. Funds available under this
46.15 paragraph may be used for site preparation of
46.16 property owned and to be used by private
46.17 entities.

46.18 (2) Of the amounts appropriated, \$1,600,000
46.19 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant to the city of
46.20 Thief River Falls to support utility extensions,
46.21 roads, and other public improvements related
46.22 to the construction of a wholesale electronic
46.23 component distribution center at least 700,000
46.24 square feet in size and investing a minimum
46.25 of \$200,000,000. Notwithstanding Minnesota
46.26 Statutes, section 116J.431, a local match is
46.27 not required. Grant funds are available from
46.28 July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

46.29 (m) \$876,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
46.30 second year are for the Minnesota emerging
46.31 entrepreneur loan program under Minnesota
46.32 Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds available
46.33 under this paragraph are for transfer into the
46.34 emerging entrepreneur program special
46.35 revenue fund account created under Minnesota

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

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

47.6 (n) \$875,000 each year is for a grant to
47.7 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. for the small
47.8 business growth acceleration program under
47.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. This
47.10 is a onetime appropriation.

47.11 (o) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant
47.12 to the Minnesota Design Center at the
47.13 University of Minnesota for the greater
47.14 Minnesota community design pilot project.

47.15 (p) \$275,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the
47.16 general fund to the commissioner of
47.17 employment and economic development for
47.18 a grant to Community and Economic
47.19 Development Associates (CEDA) for an
47.20 economic development study and analysis of
47.21 the effects of current and projected economic
47.22 growth in southeast Minnesota. CEDA shall
47.23 report on the findings and recommendations
47.24 of the study to the committees of the house of
47.25 representatives and senate with jurisdiction
47.26 over economic development and workforce
47.27 issues by February 15, 2019. All results and
47.28 information gathered from the study shall be
47.29 made available for use by cities in southeast
47.30 Minnesota by March 15, 2019. This
47.31 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

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

48.1 Market" grocery store and wellness center,
48.2 focused on offering healthy food, increasing
48.3 health care access, and providing job creation
48.4 and economic opportunities in one place for
48.5 children and families living in the area. To the
48.6 extent possible, Pillsbury United Communities
48.7 shall employ individuals who reside within a
48.8 five mile radius of the grocery store and
48.9 wellness center. This appropriation is not
48.10 available until at least an equal amount of
48.11 money is committed from nonstate sources.
48.12 This appropriation is available until the project
48.13 is completed or abandoned, subject to
48.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

48.15 (r) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business
48.16 development competitive grant program. Of
48.17 this amount, up to five percent is for
48.18 administration and monitoring of the business
48.19 development competitive grant program. All
48.20 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
48.21 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

48.22 (s) \$875,000 each year is for the host
48.23 community economic development grant
48.24 program established in Minnesota Statutes,
48.25 section 116J.548.

48.26 (t) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
48.27 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
48.28 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
48.29 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
48.30 appropriation is available until spent.

48.31 (u) \$161,000 each year is from the workforce
48.32 development fund for a grant to the Rural
48.33 Policy and Development Center. This is a
48.34 onetime appropriation.

49.1 (v) \$300,000 each year is from the workforce
49.2 development fund for a grant to Enterprise
49.3 Minnesota, Inc. This is a onetime
49.4 appropriation.

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

49.9 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the
49.10 workforce development fund for job training
49.11 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
49.12 116L.42.

49.13 (y)(1) \$519,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for
49.14 grants to local communities to increase the
49.15 supply of quality child care providers in order
49.16 to support economic development. At least 60
49.17 percent of grant funds must go to communities
49.18 located outside of the seven-county
49.19 metropolitan area, as defined under Minnesota
49.20 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant
49.21 recipients must obtain a 50 percent nonstate
49.22 match to grant funds in either cash or in-kind
49.23 contributions. Grant funds available under this
49.24 paragraph must be used to implement solutions
49.25 to reduce the child care shortage in the state
49.26 including but not limited to funding for child
49.27 care business start-ups or expansions, training,
49.28 facility modifications or improvements
49.29 required for licensing, and assistance with
49.30 licensing and other regulatory requirements.
49.31 In awarding grants, the commissioner must
49.32 give priority to communities that have
49.33 documented a shortage of child care providers
49.34 in the area.

50.1 (2) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
50.2 grant recipients must report to the
50.3 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
50.4 program including but not limited to the
50.5 number of new providers, the number of
50.6 additional child care provider jobs created, the
50.7 number of additional child care slots, and the
50.8 amount of local funds invested.

50.9 (3) By January 1 of each year, starting in 2019,
50.10 the commissioner must report to the standing
50.11 committees of the legislature having
50.12 jurisdiction over child care and economic
50.13 development on the outcomes of the program
50.14 to date.

50.15 (z) \$319,000 in fiscal year 2018 is from the
50.16 general fund for a grant to the East Phillips
50.17 Improvement Coalition to create the East
50.18 Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to
50.19 expand culturally tailored resources that
50.20 address small business growth and create
50.21 green jobs. The grant shall fund the
50.22 collaborative work of Tamales y Bicicletas,
50.23 Little Earth of the United Tribes, a nonprofit
50.24 serving East Africans, and other coalition
50.25 members ~~towards~~ toward developing EPNI as
50.26 a community space to host activities including,
50.27 but not limited to, creation and expansion of
50.28 small businesses, culturally specific
50.29 entrepreneurial activities, indoor urban
50.30 farming, job training, education, and skills
50.31 development for residents of this low-income,
50.32 environmental justice designated
50.33 neighborhood. Eligible uses for grant funds
50.34 include, but are not limited to, planning and
50.35 start-up costs, staff and consultant costs,

51.1 building improvements, rent, supplies, utilities,
51.2 vehicles, marketing, and program activities.
51.3 The commissioner shall submit a report on
51.4 grant activities and quantifiable outcomes to
51.5 the committees of the house of representatives
51.6 and the senate with jurisdiction over economic
51.7 development by December 15, 2020. This
51.8 appropriation is available until June 30, 2020.

51.9 (aa) \$150,000 the first year is from the
51.10 renewable development account in the special
51.11 revenue fund established in Minnesota
51.12 Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to
51.13 conduct the biomass facility closure economic
51.14 impact study.

51.15 (bb)(1)\$300,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a
51.16 grant to East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC)
51.17 to expand culturally tailored resources that
51.18 address small business growth and job
51.19 creation. This appropriation is available until
51.20 June 30, 2020. The appropriation shall fund
51.21 the work of African Economic Development
51.22 Solutions, the Asian Economic Development
51.23 Association, the Dayton's Bluff Community
51.24 Council, and the Latino Economic
51.25 Development Center in a collaborative
51.26 approach to economic development that is
51.27 effective with smaller, culturally diverse
51.28 communities that seek to increase the
51.29 productivity and success of new immigrant
51.30 and minority populations living and working
51.31 in the community. Programs shall provide
51.32 minority business growth and capacity
51.33 building that generate wealth and jobs creation
51.34 for local residents and business owners on the
51.35 East Side of St. Paul.

52.1 (2) In fiscal year 2019 ESEC shall use funds
52.2 to share its integrated service model and
52.3 evolving collaboration principles with civic
52.4 and economic development leaders in greater
52.5 Minnesota communities which have diverse
52.6 populations similar to the East Side of St. Paul.
52.7 ESEC shall submit a report of activities and
52.8 program outcomes, including quantifiable
52.9 measures of success annually to the house of
52.10 representatives and senate committees with
52.11 jurisdiction over economic development.

52.12 (cc) \$150,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a grant
52.13 to Mille Lacs County for the purpose of
52.14 reimbursement grants to small resort
52.15 businesses located in the city of Isle with less
52.16 than \$350,000 in annual revenue, at least four
52.17 rental units, which are open during both
52.18 summer and winter months, and whose
52.19 business was adversely impacted by a decline
52.20 in walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.

52.21 (dd)(1) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for a
52.22 grant to the Small Business Development
52.23 Center hosted at Minnesota State University,
52.24 Mankato, for a collaborative initiative with
52.25 the Regional Center for Entrepreneurial
52.26 Facilitation. Funds available under this section
52.27 must be used to provide entrepreneur and
52.28 small business development direct professional
52.29 business assistance services in the following
52.30 counties in Minnesota: Blue Earth, Brown,
52.31 Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley,
52.32 Watonwan, and Waseca. For the purposes of
52.33 this section, "direct professional business
52.34 assistance services" must include, but is not
52.35 limited to, pre-venture assistance for

53.1 individuals considering starting a business.
 53.2 This appropriation is not available until the
 53.3 commissioner determines that an equal amount
 53.4 is committed from nonstate sources. Any
 53.5 balance in the first year does not cancel and
 53.6 is available for expenditure in the second year.

53.7 (2) Grant recipients shall report to the
 53.8 commissioner by February 1 of each year and
 53.9 include information on the number of
 53.10 customers served in each county; the number
 53.11 of businesses started, stabilized, or expanded;
 53.12 the number of jobs created and retained; and
 53.13 business success rates in each county. By April
 53.14 1 of each year, the commissioner shall report
 53.15 the information submitted by grant recipients
 53.16 to the chairs of the standing committees of the
 53.17 house of representatives and the senate having
 53.18 jurisdiction over economic development
 53.19 issues.

53.20 (ee) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 is for the
 53.21 central Minnesota opportunity grant program
 53.22 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
 53.23 116J.9922. This appropriation is available until
 53.24 June 30, 2022.

53.25 (ff) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
 53.26 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
 53.27 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
 53.28 469.47.

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

53.30 Sec. 18. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as
 53.31 amended by Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 12, section 4, and Laws 2020, chapter
 53.32 112, section 1, is amended to read:

53.33	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	44,931,000	42,381,000
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54.1	Appropriations by Fund		
54.2	General	40,756,000	38,206,000
54.3	Remediation	700,000	700,000
54.4	Workforce		
54.5	Development	3,475,000	3,475,000

54.6 (a) \$1,787,000 each year is for the greater
 54.7 Minnesota business development public
 54.8 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
 54.9 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
 54.10 is available until June 30, 2023.

54.11 (b) \$1,425,000 each year is for the business
 54.12 development competitive grant program. Of
 54.13 this amount, up to five percent is for
 54.14 administration and monitoring of the business
 54.15 development competitive grant program. All
 54.16 grant awards shall be for two consecutive
 54.17 years. Grants shall be awarded in the first year.

54.18 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
 54.19 site cleanup and development grants under
 54.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
 54.21 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
 54.22 June 30, 2023.

54.23 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
 54.24 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
 54.25 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 54.26 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
 54.27 appropriation is available until June 30, 2023.

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

54.30 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
 54.31 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
 54.32 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
 54.33 469.47.

55.1 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host
55.2 community economic development program
55.3 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
55.4 116J.548.

55.5 (h) \$125,000 each year is from the workforce
55.6 development fund for a grant to the White
55.7 Earth Nation for the White Earth Nation
55.8 Integrated Business Development System to
55.9 provide business assistance with workforce
55.10 development, outreach, technical assistance,
55.11 infrastructure and operational support,
55.12 financing, and other business development
55.13 activities. This is a onetime appropriation.

55.14 (i) \$450,000 each year is from the workforce
55.15 development fund for a grant to Enterprise
55.16 Minnesota, Inc. for the small business growth
55.17 acceleration program under Minnesota
55.18 Statutes, section 116O.115. This is a onetime
55.19 appropriation.

55.20 (j) \$250,000 the first year is for a grant to the
55.21 Rondo Community Land Trust for
55.22 improvements to leased commercial space in
55.23 the Selby Milton Victoria Project that will
55.24 create long-term affordable space for small
55.25 businesses and for build-out and development
55.26 of new businesses.

55.27 (k) \$400,000 each year is from the workforce
55.28 development fund for a grant to the
55.29 Metropolitan Economic Development
55.30 Association (MEDA) for statewide business
55.31 development and assistance services, including
55.32 services to entrepreneurs with businesses that
55.33 have the potential to create job opportunities
55.34 for unemployed and underemployed people,

56.1 with an emphasis on minority-owned
56.2 businesses. This is a onetime appropriation.

56.3 (l) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for grants
56.4 to local communities to increase the supply of
56.5 quality child care providers to support
56.6 economic development. At least 60 percent of
56.7 grant funds must go to communities located
56.8 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area
56.9 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section
56.10 473.121, subdivision 2. Grant recipients must
56.11 obtain a 50 percent nonstate match to grant
56.12 funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.
56.13 Grant funds available under this section must
56.14 be used to implement projects to reduce the
56.15 child care shortage in the state, including but
56.16 not limited to funding for child care business
56.17 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
56.18 modifications or improvements required for
56.19 licensing, and assistance with licensing and
56.20 other regulatory requirements. In awarding
56.21 grants, the commissioner must give priority
56.22 to communities that have demonstrated a
56.23 shortage of child care providers in the area.
56.24 This is a onetime appropriation. Within one
56.25 year of receiving grant funds, grant recipients
56.26 must report to the commissioner on the
56.27 outcomes of the grant program, including but
56.28 not limited to the number of new providers,
56.29 the number of additional child care provider
56.30 jobs created, the number of additional child
56.31 care slots, and the amount of cash and in-kind
56.32 local funds invested.

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

57.1 until June 30, 2023. The Minnesota Initiative
57.2 Foundations must use grant funds under this
57.3 section to:

57.4 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
57.5 communities resulting in a community solution
57.6 action plan that guides decision making to
57.7 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
57.8 care in the region to support economic
57.9 development;

57.10 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
57.11 resources to support the community solution
57.12 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
57.13 vital component of additional regional
57.14 economic development planning processes;

57.15 (3) provide locally based training and technical
57.16 assistance to rural child care business owners
57.17 individually or through a learning cohort.
57.18 Access to financial and business development
57.19 assistance must prepare child care businesses
57.20 for quality engagement and improvement by
57.21 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
57.22 other sources, and fostering business acumen
57.23 that allows child care businesses to plan for
57.24 and afford the cost of providing quality child
57.25 care; or

57.26 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
57.27 in Parent Aware, Minnesota's quality and
57.28 improvement rating system, and other high
57.29 quality measurement programs. The Minnesota
57.30 Initiative Foundations must work with local
57.31 partners to provide low-cost training,
57.32 professional development opportunities, and
57.33 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
57.34 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
57.35 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to

58.1 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
58.2 rating through Parent Aware or other high
58.3 quality measurement programs.

58.4 (n)(1) \$650,000 each year from the workforce
58.5 development fund is for grants to the
58.6 Neighborhood Development Center for small
58.7 business programs. This is a onetime
58.8 appropriation.

58.9 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first
58.10 year, \$150,000 is for outreach and training
58.11 activities outside the seven-county
58.12 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
58.13 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2.

58.14 (o) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
58.15 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
58.16 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
58.17 commissioner of employment and economic
58.18 development may use up to three percent for
58.19 administrative expenses. This appropriation
58.20 is available until expended.

58.21 (p)(1) \$11,970,000 each year is for the
58.22 Minnesota investment fund under Minnesota
58.23 Statutes, section 116J.8731. Of this amount,
58.24 the commissioner of employment and
58.25 economic development may use up to three
58.26 percent for administration and monitoring of
58.27 the program. In fiscal year 2022 and beyond,
58.28 the base amount is \$12,370,000. This
58.29 appropriation is available until expended.

58.30 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
58.31 116J.8731, funds appropriated to the
58.32 commissioner for the Minnesota investment
58.33 fund may be used for the redevelopment
58.34 program under Minnesota Statutes, sections
58.35 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at the discretion of

59.1 the commissioner. Grants under this paragraph
59.2 are not subject to the grant amount limitation
59.3 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731.

59.4 (2) Of the amount appropriated in the first
59.5 year, ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$3,000,000 is for a loan to a
59.6 paper mill in Duluth for a retrofit project that
59.7 will support the ~~operation and manufacture of~~
59.8 packaging conversion of the existing Duluth
59.9 paper mill for the manufacture of new paper
59.10 grades. The company that owns the paper mill
59.11 must ~~spend \$20,000,000 on invest~~
59.12 \$25,000,000 in project activities by December
59.13 ~~31, 2020~~ May 1, 2023, in order to be eligible
59.14 to receive this loan. Loan funds may be used
59.15 for purchases of materials, supplies, and
59.16 equipment for the project and are available
59.17 from ~~July 1, 2019~~ April 1, 2021, to ~~July 30,~~
59.18 ~~2021~~ May 1, 2023. The commissioner of
59.19 employment and economic development shall
59.20 forgive 25 percent of the loan each year after
59.21 the second year during a five-year period if
59.22 the mill has retained at least ~~150~~ 80 full-time
59.23 equivalent employees and has satisfied other
59.24 performance goals and contractual obligations
59.25 as required under Minnesota Statutes, section
59.26 116J.8731.

59.27 (q) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2020 is for the
59.28 airport infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant
59.29 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
59.30 116J.439.

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

60.1 entities or private nonprofit organizations for
60.2 the creation of competitive robotics hubs.

60.3 Awards may be used for tools, equipment, and
60.4 physical space to be utilized by robotics teams.

60.5 At least 50 percent of grant funds must be used
60.6 outside of the seven-county metropolitan area,
60.7 as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section
60.8 473.121, subdivision 2. The grant recipient
60.9 shall report to the chairs and ranking minority
60.10 members of the legislative committees with
60.11 jurisdiction over jobs and economic growth
60.12 by February 1, 2021, on the status of awards
60.13 and include information on the number and
60.14 amount of awards made, the number of
60.15 customers served, and any outcomes resulting
60.16 from the grant. The grant requires a 50 percent
60.17 match from nonstate sources.

60.18 (s) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
60.19 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
60.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds
60.21 available under this paragraph are for transfer
60.22 into the emerging entrepreneur program
60.23 special revenue fund account created under
60.24 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
60.25 available until expended. Of this amount, up
60.26 to four percent is for administration and
60.27 monitoring of the program.

60.28 (t) \$163,000 each year is for the Minnesota
60.29 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
60.30 year is available only upon receipt by the
60.31 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
60.32 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
60.33 sources for every \$3 provided by this
60.34 appropriation, except that each year up to
60.35 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the

61.1 required matching contribution has not been
61.2 received by that date.

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

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

61.9 This appropriation is available until June 30,
61.10 2023.

61.11 (w) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
61.12 job skills partnership program under
61.13 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
61.14 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
61.15 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other
61.16 year is available. This appropriation is
61.17 available until expended.

61.18 (x) \$1,350,000 each year is from the
61.19 workforce development fund for jobs training
61.20 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
61.21 116L.42.

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

61.25 Of this amount:

61.26 (1) \$1,600,000 each year is for innovation
61.27 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
61.28 start-up businesses to assist with their
61.29 operating needs;

61.30 (2) \$450,000 each year is for administration
61.31 of Launch Minnesota; and

61.32 (3) \$450,000 each year is for grantee activities
61.33 at Launch Minnesota.

62.1 (z) \$500,000 each year is from the workforce
 62.2 development fund for a grant to Youthprise
 62.3 to give grants through a competitive process
 62.4 to community organizations to provide
 62.5 economic development services designed to
 62.6 enhance long-term economic self-sufficiency
 62.7 in communities with concentrated East African
 62.8 populations. Such communities include but
 62.9 are not limited to Faribault, Rochester, St.
 62.10 Cloud, Moorhead, and Willmar. To the extent
 62.11 possible, Youthprise must make at least 50
 62.12 percent of these grants to organizations serving
 62.13 communities located outside the seven-county
 62.14 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 62.15 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This
 62.16 is a onetime appropriation and is available
 62.17 until June 30, 2022.

62.18 (aa) \$125,000 each year is for a grant to the
 62.19 Hmong Chamber of Commerce to train
 62.20 ethnically Southeast Asian business owners
 62.21 and operators in better business practices. This
 62.22 is a onetime appropriation.

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

62.24 Sec. 19. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 2, section 8, is amended to
 62.25 read:

62.26 Sec. 8. **LAUNCH MINNESOTA.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63.10 (g) ~~"High technology" includes aerospace, agricultural processing, renewable energy,~~
63.11 ~~energy efficiency and conservation, environmental engineering, food technology, cellulose~~
63.12 ~~ethanol, information technology, materials science technology, nanotechnology,~~
63.13 ~~telecommunications, biotechnology, medical device products, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics,~~
63.14 ~~biologicals, chemistry, veterinary science, and similar fields. "Innovative technology and~~
63.15 ~~business" means a new novel business model or product; a derivative product incorporating~~
63.16 ~~new elements into an existing product; a new use for a product; or a new process or method~~
63.17 ~~for the manufacture, use, or assessment of any product or activity, patentability, or scalability.~~
63.18 ~~Innovative technology or business model does not include locally based retail, lifestyle, or~~
63.19 ~~business services. The business must not be primarily engaged in real estate development,~~
63.20 ~~insurance, banking, lending, lobbying, political consulting, information technology~~
63.21 ~~consulting, wholesale or retail trade, leisure, hospitality, transportation, construction, ethanol~~
63.22 ~~production from corn, or professional services provided by attorneys, accountants, business~~
63.23 ~~consultants, physicians, or health care consultants.~~

63.24 (h) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
63.25 136A.28, subdivision 6.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

64.14 (2) planned principal operations have commenced, but have generated less than
64.15 \$1,000,000 in revenue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

66.1 extent possible, Launch Minnesota shall form partnerships with organizations located
66.2 throughout the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

67.1 (b) The commissioner shall provide a grant of up to \$35,000 to an eligible business or
 67.2 entrepreneur for research and development expenses, direct business expenses, and the
 67.3 purchase of technical assistance or services from public higher education institutions and
 67.4 nonprofit entities. Research and development expenditures may include but are not limited
 67.5 to proof of concept activities, intellectual property protection, prototype designs and
 67.6 production, and commercial feasibility. Expenditures funded under this subdivision are not
 67.7 eligible for the research and development tax credit under Minnesota Statutes, section
 67.8 290.068. Direct business expenses may include rent, equipment purchases, and supplier
 67.9 invoices. Taxes imposed by federal, state, or local government entities may not be reimbursed
 67.10 under this paragraph. Technical assistance or services must be purchased to assist in the
 67.11 development or commercialization of a product or service to be eligible. Each business or
 67.12 entrepreneur may receive only one grant per biennium under this paragraph.

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

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

67.24 Subd. 7. **Entrepreneur education grants.** (a) The commissioner shall make entrepreneur
 67.25 education grants to institutions of higher education and other organizations to provide
 67.26 educational programming to entrepreneurs and provide outreach to and collaboration with
 67.27 businesses, federal and state agencies, institutions of higher education, trade associations,
 67.28 and other organizations working to advance innovative, ~~high~~ technology businesses
 67.29 throughout Minnesota.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

69.19 Sec. 20. **ONETIME EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF MINNESOTA**
69.20 **INVESTMENT FUND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOAN REPAYMENT FUNDS.**

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

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

70.1 **Sec. 21. MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND MINNESOTA JOB CREATION**
 70.2 **FUND REQUIREMENTS EXTENSIONS.**

70.3 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a recipient of a Minnesota Investment
 70.4 Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, or a recipient of a Minnesota Job
 70.5 Creation Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, who is unable to meet
 70.6 the minimum capital investment requirements, wage, or minimum job creation goals or
 70.7 requirements provided in a business subsidy agreement, as applicable, during or within the
 70.8 12-month period following a peacetime emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall
 70.9 be granted an extension until December 31, 2022, to meet those capital investment, wage,
 70.10 or job creation goals or requirements before the grant must be repaid.

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

70.12 **Sec. 22. MAIN STREET COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

72.26 (1) \$18,000,000 must be awarded to businesses that employ the equivalent of six full-time
 72.27 workers or less;

72.28 (2) \$10,000,000 must be awarded to minority business enterprises, as defined in
 72.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.14, subdivision 5;

72.30 (3) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by
 72.31 veterans as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447; and

73.1 (4) \$2,500,000 must be awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by
 73.2 women.

73.3 (b) \$3,000,000 of available program funds must be awarded as grants under subdivision
 73.4 5.

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

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

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

73.18 **Sec. 23. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATOR PILOT PROJECT.**

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

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

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

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

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

74.1

ARTICLE 3

74.2

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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

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

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

74.8 Subdivision 1. **Apprenticeship rules.** Federal regulations governing apprenticeship in
74.9 effect on ~~July 1, 2013~~ January 18, 2017, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title
74.10 29, ~~part~~ parts 29, sections 29.1 to 29.6 and 29.11, and 30, are the apprenticeship rules in
74.11 this state, subject to amendment by this chapter or by rule under section 178.041.

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

74.13 **181.939 NURSING MOTHERS, LACTATING EMPLOYEES, AND PREGNANCY**
74.14 **ACCOMMODATIONS.**

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

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

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

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

75.1 Subd. 2. **Pregnancy accommodations.** (a) An employer must provide reasonable
75.2 accommodations to an employee for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth
75.3 upon request, with the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, unless
75.4 the employer demonstrates that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on
75.5 the operation of the employer's business. A pregnant employee shall not be required to
75.6 obtain the advice of a licensed health care provider or certified doula, nor may an employer
75.7 claim undue hardship for the following accommodations: (1) more frequent restroom, food,
75.8 and water breaks; (2) seating; and (3) limits on lifting over 20 pounds. The employee and
75.9 employer shall engage in an interactive process with respect to an employee's request for a
75.10 reasonable accommodation. "Reasonable accommodation" may include but is not limited
75.11 to temporary transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position, seating, frequent restroom
75.12 breaks, and limits to heavy lifting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision,
75.13 an employer shall not be required to create a new or additional position in order to
75.14 accommodate an employee pursuant to this subdivision and shall not be required to discharge
75.15 an employee, transfer another employee with greater seniority, or promote an employee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

75.32 (1) name;

75.33 (2) date of birth;

- 76.1 (3) Social Security number;
- 76.2 (4) telephone number;
- 76.3 (5) e-mail address;
- 76.4 (6) physical or mailing address;
- 76.5 (7) location data;
- 76.6 (8) online account access information; and
- 76.7 (9) other data that would identify participants who have registered for events, programs,
 76.8 or classes sponsored by the Department of Labor and Industry.
- 76.9 (b) Data about minors classified under this section maintain their classification as private
 76.10 data on individuals after the individual is no longer a minor.

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

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

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

76.23 Subd. 2. **Reporting.** By August 1, 2023, the owner of a building subject to subdivision
 76.24 1 shall submit to the state fire marshal a letter stating the owner's intent to comply with this
 76.25 section and a plan for achieving compliance by the deadline in subdivision 1.

76.26 Subd. 3. **Extensions.** The commissioner of public safety, or the state fire marshal as the
 76.27 commissioner's designee, may grant extensions to the deadline for reporting under subdivision
 76.28 2 or the deadline for compliance under subdivision 1. Any extension must observe the spirit
 76.29 and intent of this section and be tailored to ensure public welfare and safety. To be eligible
 76.30 for an extension, the building owner must apply to the commissioner of public safety and
 76.31 demonstrate a genuine inability to comply within the time prescribed despite appropriate
 76.32 effort to do so.

77.1 Subd. 4. **Effect on other laws.** This section does not supersede the State Building Code
77.2 or State Fire Code.

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

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

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

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

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

77.12 (i) certified building officials;

77.13 (ii) fire chiefs or fire marshals;

77.14 (iii) licensed architects;

77.15 (iv) licensed professional engineers;

77.16 (v) commercial building owners and managers;

77.17 (vi) the licensed residential building industry;

77.18 (vii) the commercial building industry;

77.19 (viii) the heating and ventilation industry;

77.20 (ix) a member of the Plumbing Board;

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

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

77.23 (xii) the boiler industry;

77.24 (xiii) the manufactured housing industry;

77.25 (xiv) public utility suppliers;

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

77.27 (xvi) local units of government;

77.28 (xvii) the energy conservation industry; and

78.1 (xviii) building accessibility.

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

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

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

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

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

78.21 ~~(e)~~ (d) The base license fee shall depend on whether the license is classified as an entry
78.22 level, master, journeyworker, or business license, and on the license duration. The base
78.23 license fee shall be:

	License Classification	License Duration	
		1 year	2 years
78.26	Entry level	\$10	\$20
78.27	Journeyworker	\$20	\$40
78.28	Master	\$40	\$80
78.29	Business		\$180

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

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

79.5 (f) If the application is for the renewal of a license issued under sections 326B.802 to
 79.6 326B.885, then the contractor recovery fund fee required under section 326B.89, subdivision
 79.7 3, and any additional assessment required under section 326B.89, subdivision 16, must be
 79.8 included in the license renewal fee.

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

79.11	License Classification	License Duration	
79.12		1 year	2 years
79.13	Entry level	\$10	\$20
79.14	Journeyworker	\$15	\$30
79.15	Master	\$30	\$60
79.16	Business		\$120

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

80.16 An accessibility specialist must accumulate nine hours of approved continuing education
80.17 hours in any of the education programs that are provided under Minnesota Rules, part
80.18 1301.1000, subpart 1 or 2. The nine hours must be in courses relating to building accessibility,
80.19 plan review, field inspection, or building code administration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81.6 Subd. 1d. **Commercial chemical dispensing system.** "Commercial chemical dispensing
81.7 system" means a method of dispensing and diluting concentrated chemical solution in a
81.8 commercial setting.

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

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

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

81.17 Subdivision 1. **License required.** (a) No individual shall engage in or work at the business
81.18 of a master plumber, restricted master plumber, journeyworker plumber, and restricted
81.19 journeyworker plumber unless licensed to do so by the commissioner. A license is not
81.20 required for individuals performing building sewer or water service installation who have
81.21 completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner. A license is not required
81.22 for individuals servicing or installing a commercial chemical dispensing system or servicing
81.23 or replacing a commercial dishwashing machine, including connecting a commercial chemical
81.24 dispensing system or commercial dishwashing machine to a water line or drain line, provided
81.25 that:

81.26 (1) the individual servicing or installing the commercial chemical dispensing system or
81.27 servicing or replacing the commercial dishwashing machine is an employee of the
81.28 manufacturer or distributor of the commercial chemical dispensing system or commercial
81.29 dishwashing machine;

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

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

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

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

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

82.13 A master plumber may also work as a journeyworker plumber, a restricted journeyworker
82.14 plumber, and a restricted master plumber. A journeyworker plumber may also work as a
82.15 restricted journeyworker plumber. Anyone not so licensed may do plumbing work which
82.16 complies with the provisions of the minimum standards prescribed by the Plumbing Board
82.17 on premises or that part of premises owned and actually occupied by the worker as a
82.18 residence, unless otherwise forbidden to do so by a local ordinance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84.10 Subd. 9. **Satisfaction of applications for compensation.** The commissioner shall pay
 84.11 compensation from the fund to an owner or a lessee pursuant to the terms of an agreement
 84.12 that has been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), or pursuant to a final order that
 84.13 has been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8 by December 1 of the fiscal
 84.14 ~~year following the fiscal year during which the agreement was entered into or during which~~
 84.15 ~~the order became final, subject to the limitations of this section. At the end of each fiscal~~
 84.16 ~~year the commissioner shall calculate the amount of compensation to be paid from the fund~~
 84.17 ~~pursuant to agreements that have been entered into under subdivision 7, clause (1), and final~~
 84.18 ~~orders that have been issued under subdivision 7, clause (2), or subdivision 8. If the calculated~~
 84.19 ~~amount exceeds the amount available for payment, then the commissioner shall allocate the~~
 84.20 ~~amount available among the owners and the lessees in the ratio that the amount agreed to~~
 84.21 ~~or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee bears to the amount calculated. The~~
 84.22 ~~commissioner shall mail notice of the allocation to all owners and lessees not less than 45~~
 84.23 ~~days following the end of the fiscal year. 31 for applications submitted by July 1 or June~~
 84.24 30 for applications submitted by January 1 of the fiscal year. The commissioner shall not
 84.25 pay compensation to owners or lessees that totals more than \$275,000 per licensee during
 84.26 Cycle One of a fiscal year nor shall the commissioner pay out during Cycle One if the payout
 84.27 will result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund. If compensation paid to owners or lessees
 84.28 in Cycle One would total more than \$275,000 or would result in exhaustion of a licensee's
 84.29 fund in Cycle One, the commissioner shall not make a final determination of compensation
 84.30 for claims against the licensee until the completion of Cycle Two. If the claims against a
 84.31 licensee for the fiscal year result in the exhaustion of a licensee's fund or the fund as a whole,
 84.32 the commissioner must prorate the amount available among the owners and lessees based
 84.33 on the amount agreed to or ordered to be paid to each owner or lessee. The commissioner
 84.34 shall mail notice of the proration to all owners and lessees no later than March 31 of the
 84.35 current fiscal year. Any compensation paid by the commissioner in accordance with this

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

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

85.6 Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

85.7 Sections 1 to 3 and 6 to 11 are effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and on July 1,
85.8 2023. Sections 4, 5, and 12 are effective July 1, 2014.

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

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

85.22	Subd. 4. Workers' Compensation	14,882,000	11,882,000
85.23	\$3,000,000 the first year is from the workers'		
85.24	compensation fund for workers' compensation		
85.25	system upgrades. This amount is available		
85.26	until June 30, 2021 <u>2023</u> . This is a onetime		
85.27	appropriation.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

86.19 (1) purchasing and installing recommended safety equipment;

86.20 (2) operating or maintaining recommended safety equipment;

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

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

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

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

86.28 (1) is technically and economically feasible;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

87.17 Sec. 22. **REPEALER.**

87.18 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 181.9414, is repealed.

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

87.20 **ARTICLE 4**

87.21 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

88.9 (i) general educational development diploma preparation;

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

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

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

88.14 (v) computer skills training; or

88.15 (vi) English as a second language instruction;

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

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

88.20 (5) the applicant can provide proof of enrollment in a program funded under section
 88.21 116L.99.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

89.9 ~~(4)~~ (3) that the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service.
89.10 The applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount is reduced by one-fifth for each day
89.11 the applicant is incarcerated or performing court-ordered community service;

89.12 ~~(5)~~ (4) that the applicant fails or refuses to provide information on an issue of ineligibility
89.13 required under section 268.101;

89.14 ~~(6)~~ (5) that the applicant is performing services 32 hours or more, in employment, covered
89.15 employment, noncovered employment, volunteer work, or self-employment regardless of
89.16 the amount of any earnings; or

89.17 ~~(7)~~ (6) with respect to which the applicant has filed an application for unemployment
89.18 benefits under any federal law or the law of any other state. If the appropriate agency finally
89.19 determines that the applicant is not entitled to establish a benefit account under federal law
89.20 or the law of any other state, this clause does not apply.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

90.16 **268.133 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WHILE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL**
 90.17 **TRAINING.**

90.18 Unemployment benefits are available to dislocated workers participating in the converting
 90.19 layoffs into Minnesota businesses (CLIMB) program under section 116L.17, subdivision
 90.20 11. Applicants participating in CLIMB are considered in reemployment assistance training
 90.21 under section 268.035, subdivision 21c. All requirements under section 268.069, subdivision
 90.22 1, must be met, except the commissioner may waive:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

92.1 Sec. 6. **CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF FIVE-WEEK BUSINESS OWNER**
92.2 **BENEFIT LIMITATION.**

92.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 9, the five-week
92.4 limitation for receipt of unemployment benefits for business owners is suspended for
92.5 applicants for unemployment insurance benefit accounts established between December
92.6 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021.

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

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

92.9 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 13a, for an applicant
92.10 applying for an unemployment insurance benefit account established between December
92.11 27, 2020, and September 4, 2021, a leave of absence is presumed to be an involuntary leave
92.12 of absence and not ineligible if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

93.2 **FUND.**

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

93.8 Sec. 9. **REPEALER.**

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

93.10 **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.