

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 361 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [256C.31] DEMONSTRATION PROJECT; EMPLOYMENT  
1.4 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Demonstration project established.** The commissioner of human  
1.6 services shall establish a demonstration project to allow persons with disabilities to  
1.7 better understand the impact on their public assistance benefits of accepting employment  
1.8 or increasing earned income. Under the demonstration project, an eligible person may  
1.9 obtain help understanding how obtaining employment, accepting a raise or promotion,  
1.10 or increasing the number of hours worked will impact the eligible person's benefits  
1.11 and income. The commissioner shall operate the project within the limits of available  
1.12 appropriations.

1.13 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** (a) To be eligible to participate in the demonstration project,  
1.14 a person must:

1.15 (1) be receiving medical assistance benefits under chapter 256B, general assistance  
1.16 or Minnesota supplemental aid under chapter 256D, group residential housing under  
1.17 chapter 256I, or Minnesota family investment program benefits under chapter 256J;

1.18 (2) have a disability or disabling condition as defined by the Social Security  
1.19 Administration; the state medical review team under section 256.01, subdivision 29; or  
1.20 general assistance under section 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1), (3),  
1.21 (4), (5), (6), (8), (9), or (14); and

1.22 (3) expect an increase in earned income from accepting employment, a pay raise,  
1.23 a promotion, or an increase in the number of hours worked within three months of  
1.24 enrollment in the demonstration project.

1.25 (b) The commissioner shall ensure equal representation in the demonstration project  
1.26 for eligible persons in geographic areas throughout the state.

2.1 (c) The commissioner shall establish reporting requirements for persons participating  
 2.2 in the project.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Benefit analysis.** The Disability Linkage Line shall provide benefit  
 2.4 analysis and planning services to help project participants understand the interaction  
 2.5 between benefits, understand the effect of earned income on their benefits and their  
 2.6 available monthly income, and identify benefits that will be most advantageous to project  
 2.7 participants. The commissioner shall implement policies and procedures for project  
 2.8 participants whose benefit analysis indicates they will experience a decrease in available  
 2.9 monthly income by accepting an increase in earned income due to accepting employment,  
 2.10 a raise, a promotion, or an increase in the number of hours worked.

2.11 Subd. 4. **Consultation required.** The commissioner shall consult with the Council  
 2.12 on Disability and the commissioner of employment and economic development to identify  
 2.13 potential project participants, develop and implement the demonstration project, and  
 2.14 ensure that there are no duplications of services.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature.** The commissioner shall report to the legislature  
 2.16 by January 15, 2017, and every two years thereafter, on the structure and operation  
 2.17 of the demonstration project, the number of persons participating in the project, the  
 2.18 average amount of additional income a person participating in the project receives from  
 2.19 employment or increased employment, and the feasibility of expanding the project to  
 2.20 serve additional persons.

2.21 Sec. 2. **RECOMMENDATION TO LEGISLATURE; SUBSIDY.**

2.22 By January 15, 2017, the commissioner of human services shall provide the  
 2.23 legislature with recommendations on establishing a subsidy for persons participating in the  
 2.24 demonstration project under Minnesota Statutes, section 256C.31, whose income, because  
 2.25 of increased employment, exceeds the income limits for medical assistance or a public  
 2.26 assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256D, 256I, or 256J.

2.27 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR**  
 2.28 **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

2.29 \$..... in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the  
 2.30 general fund to the commissioner of human services to establish a demonstration project  
 2.31 to allow employment opportunities for persons with disabilities under Minnesota Statutes,  
 2.32 section 256C.31. These appropriations are ongoing and shall be added to the base."

2.33 Amend the title as follows:

2.34 Page 1, line 2, delete "provide" and insert "allow"