

ARTICLE 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

The sums shown in the columns under "Appropriations" are added to the appropriations in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, or other law to the specified agencies. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, are effective the day following final enactment. If an appropriation in this act is enacted more than once during the 2022 regular session, the appropriation is to be given effect only once.

APPROPRIATIONS
Available for the Year
Ending June 30
2022 **2023**

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ **-0-** \$ **22,181,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>10,431,000</u>
<u>Workforce Development</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>11,750,000</u>

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

Subd. 2. Business and Community Development **-0-** **8,231,000**

Appropriations by Fund

<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,231,000</u>
<u>Workforce Development</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>

(a) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for the main street economic revitalization program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8749.

2.1 Priority for the amounts appropriated under
2.2 this paragraph shall be given to applicants
2.3 from partner organizations and regions not
2.4 previously awarded funds under the program.
2.5 In fiscal year 2024, the base amount is
2.6 \$3,000,000. Beginning in fiscal year 2025, the
2.7 base amount is \$0.

2.8 (b) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for the
2.9 Canadian border counties economic relief
2.10 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.11 (c) \$231,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for the Join
2.12 Us Minnesota campaign to market the state of
2.13 Minnesota to businesses and potential workers.
2.14 This appropriation is available until June 30,
2.15 2024. Of this amount, up to five percent is for
2.16 administration and monitoring of the program.
2.17 Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the base amount
2.18 is \$780,000. In fiscal year 2026, the base
2.19 amount is \$0.

2.20 (d) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
2.21 workforce development fund for a grant to
2.22 Local Initiatives Support Corporation Twin
2.23 Cities for the developers of color
2.24 capacity-building initiative. Grant funds may
2.25 not be used for the purchase of real property,
2.26 equipment, or hard assets. By February 15,
2.27 2025, the commissioner shall submit a report
2.28 to the chairs of the legislative committees with
2.29 jurisdiction over economic development on
2.30 the use of grant funds and program outcomes.
2.31 This is a onetime appropriation, and funds are
2.32 available until June 30, 2024, when any
2.33 unspent funds will cancel to the workforce
2.34 development fund.

3.1 (e) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
 3.2 workforce development fund for a grant to
 3.3 Enterprise Minnesota, Inc., for the small
 3.4 business growth acceleration program under
 3.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116O.115. This
 3.6 is a onetime appropriation.

3.7 (f) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
 3.8 workforce development fund for grants to the
 3.9 Neighborhood Development Center for small
 3.10 business incubators outside the seven-county
 3.11 metropolitan area, as defined in Minnesota
 3.12 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2. This
 3.13 is a onetime appropriation,

3.14 **Subd. 3. Employment and Training Programs** -0- 10,450,000

Appropriations by Fund

3.16 <u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>700,000</u>
3.17 <u>Workforce</u>		
3.18 <u>Development</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>9,750,000</u>

3.19 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
 3.20 workforce development fund for a grant to
 3.21 Women's Foundation of Minnesota to invest
 3.22 in economic structures that educate, mobilize,
 3.23 and equip Black women with the necessary
 3.24 tools to build, retain, and strengthen the
 3.25 capacity to build generational wealth. This is
 3.26 a onetime appropriation.

3.27 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the base
 3.28 amount is \$350,000 for activities associated
 3.29 with immigrant and refugee affairs under
 3.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.4231.

3.31 (c) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for a grant
 3.32 to the Southwest Minnesota Initiative
 3.33 Foundation for a workforce partnership
 3.34 scholarship pilot program designed to increase
 3.35 the skilled labor force within the Southwest

4.1 Minnesota Initiative Foundation's service area.

4.2 The Southwest Minnesota Initiative

4.3 Foundation shall define the pilot program,

4.4 subject to approval by the commissioner,

4.5 within the following parameters:

4.6 (1) to qualify for a scholarship, students must:

4.7 (i) obtain a scholarship from a local employer

4.8 to supplement the amount of the scholarship

4.9 under this pilot program; and

4.10 (ii) pursue a post-secondary credential in a

4.11 high-demand occupation as determined by the

4.12 applicable regional workforce development

4.13 board;

4.14 (2) scholarship recipients under the pilot shall

4.15 agree to work in a high-demand career in the

4.16 Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation's

4.17 service area after the scholarship recipient

4.18 completes their credential, in a manner, time

4.19 period, and reporting cadence developed and

4.20 monitored by the Southwest Minnesota

4.21 Initiative Foundation;

4.22 (3) the Southwest Minnesota Initiative

4.23 Foundation's shall submit an annual report by

4.24 December 31 of each year, beginning in 2023

4.25 and ending in 2028, to the commissioner and

4.26 the chairs and ranking minority members of

4.27 the legislative committees with jurisdiction

4.28 over employment and economic development

4.29 policy, which must include:

4.30 (i) the number of students receiving

4.31 scholarships;

4.32 (ii) the total dollar amount of scholarships

4.33 issued;

5.1 (iii) the graduation rate and employment
5.2 outcomes of scholarship recipients; and
5.3 (iv) any additional information about the
5.4 program requested by the recipients of the
5.5 report.

5.6 This is a onetime appropriation and is
5.7 available until June 30, 2027.

5.8 (d) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
5.9 workforce development fund for a grant to the
5.10 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Teen
5.11 Teamworks youth employment and training
5.12 programs. This is a onetime appropriation and
5.13 is available until June 30, 2025.

5.14 (e) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
5.15 workforce development fund for a youth
5.16 technology competitive training grant program
5.17 to prepare people, primarily those who are
5.18 Black, Indigenous, people of color, or women
5.19 to meet the growing labor needs in
5.20 Minnesota's technology industry. This is a
5.21 onetime appropriation and money is available
5.22 until June 30, 2024. Of this amount, up to five
5.23 percent is for administration and monitoring
5.24 of the program. Grant money shall be used to:

5.25 (1) provide career education, wraparound
5.26 support services, and job skills training for
5.27 high-school-aged youth in the technology
5.28 industry;

5.29 (2) increase the number of summer internship
5.30 opportunities in the technology industry;

5.31 (3) support outreach activities to businesses
5.32 and create pathways for employment and
5.33 internships for youth in the technology
5.34 industry; and

6.1 (4) increase the number of young adults
6.2 employed in the technology industry and
6.3 ensure that they reflect Minnesota's diverse
6.4 workforce.

6.5 Programs and services supported by grant
6.6 money must give priority to individuals and
6.7 groups that are economically disadvantaged
6.8 or historically underrepresented in the
6.9 technology industry, including but not limited
6.10 to women, veterans, and members of minority
6.11 and immigrant groups.

6.12 (f) \$700,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
6.13 workforce development fund for an adult
6.14 technology competitive training grant program
6.15 to prepare people, primarily those who are
6.16 Black, Indigenous, people of color, and
6.17 women to meet the growing labor needs in
6.18 Minnesota's technology industry. Fifty percent
6.19 of grant money must go to communities
6.20 located outside the seven-county metropolitan
6.21 area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
6.22 473.121, subdivision 2. This is a onetime
6.23 appropriation and money is available until
6.24 June 30, 2024. Of this amount, up to five
6.25 percent is for administration and monitoring
6.26 of the program. Grant money must be used to:

6.27 (1) provide jobs skills, wraparound support
6.28 services, and training for adults in the
6.29 technology industry;

6.30 (2) support outreach activities to businesses
6.31 to create pathways for employment for
6.32 participants in the technology industry; and

7.1 (3) increase the number of adults employed
7.2 in the technology industry and ensure that they
7.3 reflect Minnesota's diverse workforce.

7.4 Programs and services supported by grant
7.5 money must give priority to individuals and
7.6 groups that are economically disadvantaged
7.7 or historically underrepresented in the
7.8 technology industry, including but not limited
7.9 to women, veterans, and members of minority
7.10 and immigrant groups.

7.11 (g) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
7.12 workforce development fund for a workforce
7.13 modernization project to improve the
7.14 workforce development digital system to
7.15 provide greater customer service to job seekers
7.16 and employers looking to hire. Money must
7.17 be used for predevelopment and development
7.18 costs of software, digital infrastructure, and
7.19 implementation as well as associated staffing
7.20 costs to develop these systems. This is a
7.21 onetime appropriation and money is available
7.22 until June 30, 2030.

7.23 (h) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
7.24 workforce development fund for a
7.25 performance grant under Minnesota Statutes,
7.26 section 116J.8747, to Hire to expand their
7.27 career pathway job training and placement
7.28 program that connects lower-skilled job
7.29 seekers to entry-level and gateway jobs in
7.30 high-growth sectors. This is a onetime
7.31 appropriation.

7.32 (i) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
7.33 workforce development fund for a grant to the
7.34 University of Minnesota Tourism Center for
7.35 the creation and operation of an online

8.1 hospitality training program in partnership
8.2 with Explore Minnesota Tourism. This
8.3 training program must be made available at
8.4 no cost to Minnesota residents in an effort to
8.5 address critical workforce shortages and assist
8.6 in career development. Of this amount,
8.7 \$25,000 is for maintenance and management
8.8 of the training website and online training
8.9 program. This is a onetime appropriation.

8.10 (j)(1) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
8.11 workforce development fund for a grant to
8.12 East Side Neighborhood Services. This is a
8.13 onetime appropriation.

8.14 (2) Of the amount appropriated:

8.15 (i) \$250,000 is for the senior community
8.16 service employment program, which provides
8.17 work readiness training to low-income adults
8.18 55 and older, to provide ongoing support and
8.19 mentoring needs to the program participants
8.20 as well as the transition period from subsidized
8.21 wages to unsubsidized wages; and

8.22 (ii) \$250,000 is for the nursing assistant plus
8.23 program to serve the increased need for growth
8.24 of medical talent pipelines through expansion
8.25 of the existing program and development of
8.26 in-house training.

8.27 (k) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
8.28 workforce development fund for a grant to the
8.29 Boys & Girls Club of the Northland to
8.30 implement after school and summer
8.31 programming at the Hibbing site.
8.32 Programming will include academic success
8.33 and career exploration opportunities. This is
8.34 a onetime appropriation.

9.1 (l) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
9.2 workforce development fund for a grant to
9.3 Minnesota Diversified Industries, Inc., to assist
9.4 individuals with disabilities through mobile,
9.5 on-demand, and virtual reality career skills
9.6 programming statewide. Minnesota
9.7 Diversified Industries shall submit a report on
9.8 the number and demographics of individuals
9.9 served, hours of career skills programming
9.10 delivered, outreach to employers, and
9.11 recommendations for future career skills
9.12 delivery methods to the chairs and ranking
9.13 minority members of the legislative
9.14 committees with jurisdiction over labor and
9.15 workforce development policy and finance by
9.16 January 15, 2023. This is a onetime
9.17 appropriation.

9.18 (m) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
9.19 workforce development fund for a grant to Ka
9.20 Joog to provide, in partnership with Pathway
9.21 Career Training Center, phlebotomy training
9.22 and certification for adults statewide. This is
9.23 a onetime appropriation.

9.24 (n) \$450,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
9.25 workforce development fund for a grant to
9.26 Mind the G.A.P.P. (Gaining Assistance to
9.27 Prosperity Program) to improve the quality of
9.28 life of unemployed and underemployed
9.29 individuals by improving their employment
9.30 outcomes and developing individual earnings
9.31 potential. This is a onetime appropriation.

9.32 (o) \$600,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
9.33 workforce development fund for grants to
9.34 organizations providing support services to
9.35 new Americans in order to facilitate successful

10.1 community integration and entry into the
 10.2 workforce. Services may include case
 10.3 management, job training and employment
 10.4 services, education programs, and legal
 10.5 services. Of this amount:
 10.6 (1) \$200,000 is for a grant to the International
 10.7 Institute of Minnesota;
 10.8 (2) \$200,000 is for a grant to the Minnesota
 10.9 Council of Churches;
 10.10 (3) \$100,000 is for a grant to Arrive
 10.11 Ministries; and
 10.12 (4) \$100,000 is for a grant to Catholic
 10.13 Charities of the Diocese of Winona, Inc.
 10.14 This is a onetime appropriation.
 10.15 (p) \$950,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
 10.16 workforce development fund for a grant to
 10.17 Summit Academy OIC to expand and establish
 10.18 a new statewide in-person and virtual network
 10.19 for Summit Academy OIC's employment
 10.20 placement and STEM program. This is a
 10.21 onetime appropriation.
 10.22 (q) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the
 10.23 workforce development fund for a grant to
 10.24 Urban League Twin Cities for training and
 10.25 recruitment of individuals for potential careers
 10.26 in public safety. This is a onetime
 10.27 appropriation.

10.28 Sec. 3. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is
 10.29 amended to read:

10.30			<u>44,741,000</u>
10.31	Subd. 2. Business and Community Development	208,015,000	<u>48,241,000</u>

11.1	Appropriations by Fund		
11.2			41,941,000
11.3	General	205,215,000	<u>45,441,000</u>
11.4	Remediation	700,000	700,000
11.5	Workforce		
11.6	Development	2,100,000	2,100,000

11.7 (a) \$1,787,000 each year is for the greater
 11.8 Minnesota business development public
 11.9 infrastructure grant program under Minnesota
 11.10 Statutes, section 116J.431. This appropriation
 11.11 is available until June 30, 2025.

11.12 (b) \$8,425,000 in the first year and ~~\$1,425,000~~
 11.13 \$2,425,000 in the second year are for the
 11.14 small business partnership grant program
 11.15 formerly known as the business development
 11.16 competitive grant program. Of this amount,
 11.17 up to five percent is for administration and
 11.18 monitoring of the ~~business development~~
 11.19 ~~competitive grant~~ program and \$7,000,000 in
 11.20 the first year ~~is~~ and \$1,000,000 in the second
 11.21 year are for technical assistance to small
 11.22 businesses. Funding for technical assistance
 11.23 to small businesses in the second year shall
 11.24 be divided proportionately between program
 11.25 grantees from the first year. Except for awards
 11.26 for technical assistance for small businesses,
 11.27 all grant awards shall be for two consecutive
 11.28 years. ~~Grants~~ and shall be awarded in the first
 11.29 year. The small business partnership grant
 11.30 program shall also provide business
 11.31 development assistance and services to
 11.32 commercial cooperatives, employee-owned
 11.33 businesses, and commercial land trusts.
 11.34 Beginning in fiscal year 2024, the base amount
 11.35 is \$2,605,000.

- 12.1 (c) \$1,772,000 each year is for contaminated
12.2 site cleanup and development grants under
12.3 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.551 to
12.4 116J.558. This appropriation is available until
12.5 expended.
- 12.6 (d) \$700,000 each year is from the remediation
12.7 fund for contaminated site cleanup and
12.8 development grants under Minnesota Statutes,
12.9 sections 116J.551 to 116J.558. This
12.10 appropriation is available until expended.
- 12.11 (e) \$139,000 each year is for the Center for
12.12 Rural Policy and Development.
- 12.13 (f) \$25,000 each year is for the administration
12.14 of state aid for the Destination Medical Center
12.15 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 469.40 to
12.16 469.47.
- 12.17 (g) \$875,000 each year is for the host
12.18 community economic development program
12.19 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
12.20 116J.548.
- 12.21 (h)(1) \$2,500,000 each year is for grants to
12.22 local communities to increase the number of
12.23 quality child care providers to support
12.24 economic development. This appropriation is
12.25 available through June 30, 2023. Fifty percent
12.26 of grant funds must go to communities located
12.27 outside the seven-county metropolitan area as
12.28 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
12.29 473.121, subdivision 2. In fiscal year 2024
12.30 and beyond, the base amount is \$1,500,000.
- 12.31 (2) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent
12.32 nonstate match to grant funds in either cash
12.33 or in-kind contribution, unless the
12.34 commissioner waives the requirement. Grant

13.1 funds available under this subdivision must
13.2 be used to implement projects to reduce the
13.3 child care shortage in the state, including but
13.4 not limited to funding for child care business
13.5 start-ups or expansion, training, facility
13.6 modifications, direct subsidies or incentives
13.7 to retain employees, or improvements required
13.8 for licensing, and assistance with licensing
13.9 and other regulatory requirements. In awarding
13.10 grants, the commissioner must give priority
13.11 to communities that have demonstrated a
13.12 shortage of child care providers.

13.13 (3) Within one year of receiving grant funds,
13.14 grant recipients must report to the
13.15 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant
13.16 program, including but not limited to the
13.17 number of new providers, the number of
13.18 additional child care provider jobs created, the
13.19 number of additional child care slots, and the
13.20 amount of cash and in-kind local funds
13.21 invested. Within one month of all grant
13.22 recipients reporting on program outcomes, the
13.23 commissioner must report the grant recipients'
13.24 outcomes to the chairs and ranking members
13.25 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
13.26 over early learning and child care and
13.27 economic development.

13.28 (i) \$1,500,000 each year is for a grant to the
13.29 Minnesota Initiative Foundations. This
13.30 appropriation is available until June 30, 2025.
13.31 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base
13.32 amount is \$1,000,000. The Minnesota
13.33 Initiative Foundations must use grant funds
13.34 under this section to:

- 14.1 (1) facilitate planning processes for rural
14.2 communities resulting in a community solution
14.3 action plan that guides decision making to
14.4 sustain and increase the supply of quality child
14.5 care in the region to support economic
14.6 development;
- 14.7 (2) engage the private sector to invest local
14.8 resources to support the community solution
14.9 action plan and ensure quality child care is a
14.10 vital component of additional regional
14.11 economic development planning processes;
- 14.12 (3) provide locally based training and technical
14.13 assistance to rural child care business owners
14.14 individually or through a learning cohort.
14.15 Access to financial and business development
14.16 assistance must prepare child care businesses
14.17 for quality engagement and improvement by
14.18 stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from
14.19 other sources, and fostering business acumen
14.20 that allows child care businesses to plan for
14.21 and afford the cost of providing quality child
14.22 care; and
- 14.23 (4) recruit child care programs to participate
14.24 in quality rating and improvement
14.25 measurement programs. The Minnesota
14.26 Initiative Foundations must work with local
14.27 partners to provide low-cost training,
14.28 professional development opportunities, and
14.29 continuing education curricula. The Minnesota
14.30 Initiative Foundations must fund, through local
14.31 partners, an enhanced level of coaching to
14.32 rural child care providers to obtain a quality
14.33 rating through measurement programs.
- 14.34 The Minnesota Initiative Foundations are
14.35 authorized to subgrant their allocation to

- 15.1 partner organizations who are assisting in their
15.2 child care work.
- 15.3 (j) \$8,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
15.4 job creation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
15.5 section 116J.8748. Of this amount, the
15.6 commissioner of employment and economic
15.7 development may use up to three percent for
15.8 administrative expenses. This appropriation
15.9 is available until expended.
- 15.10 (k) \$10,029,000 the first year and \$10,028,000
15.11 the second year are for the Minnesota
15.12 investment fund under Minnesota Statutes,
15.13 section 116J.8731. Of this amount, the
15.14 commissioner of employment and economic
15.15 development may use up to three percent for
15.16 administration and monitoring of the program.
15.17 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base
15.18 amount is \$12,370,000. This appropriation is
15.19 available until expended. Notwithstanding
15.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, money
15.21 appropriated to the commissioner for the
15.22 Minnesota investment fund may be used for
15.23 the redevelopment program under Minnesota
15.24 Statutes, sections 116J.575 and 116J.5761, at
15.25 the discretion of the commissioner. Grants
15.26 under this paragraph are not subject to the
15.27 grant amount limitation under Minnesota
15.28 Statutes, section 116J.8731.
- 15.29 (l) ~~\$0 each~~ \$1,500,000 in the second year is
15.30 for the redevelopment program under
15.31 Minnesota Statutes, sections ~~116J.575~~
15.32 116J.571 and 116J.5761. Notwithstanding
15.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.571, this
15.34 appropriation is available until June 30, 2027.

- 16.1 In fiscal year 2024 and beyond, the base
16.2 amount is ~~\$2,246,000~~ \$3,496,000.
- 16.3 (m) \$1,000,000 each year is for the Minnesota
16.4 emerging entrepreneur loan program under
16.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 116M.18. Funds
16.6 available under this paragraph are for transfer
16.7 into the emerging entrepreneur program
16.8 special revenue fund account created under
16.9 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116M, and are
16.10 available until expended. Of this amount, up
16.11 to four percent is for administration and
16.12 monitoring of the program.
- 16.13 (n) \$325,000 each year is for the Minnesota
16.14 Film and TV Board. The appropriation in each
16.15 year is available only upon receipt by the
16.16 board of \$1 in matching contributions of
16.17 money or in-kind contributions from nonstate
16.18 sources for every \$3 provided by this
16.19 appropriation, except that each year up to
16.20 \$50,000 is available on July 1 even if the
16.21 required matching contribution has not been
16.22 received by that date.
- 16.23 (o) \$12,000 each year is for a grant to the
16.24 Upper Minnesota Film Office.
- 16.25 (p) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the
16.26 Minnesota Film and TV Board for the film
16.27 production jobs program under Minnesota
16.28 Statutes, section 116U.26. This appropriation
16.29 is available until June 30, 2025.
- 16.30 (q) \$4,195,000 each year is for the Minnesota
16.31 job skills partnership program under
16.32 Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.01 to
16.33 116L.17. If the appropriation for either year
16.34 is insufficient, the appropriation for the other

- 17.1 year is available. This appropriation is
17.2 available until expended.
- 17.3 (r) \$1,350,000 each year from the workforce
17.4 development fund is for jobs training grants
17.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.41.
- 17.6 (s) \$2,500,000 ~~each year is~~ in the first year
17.7 and \$3,500,000 in the second year are for
17.8 Launch Minnesota. This appropriation is
17.9 available until June 30, 2025. Beginning in
17.10 fiscal year 2024, the base amount is
17.11 \$3,500,000. The base in fiscal year 2026 is
17.12 \$0. Of this amount:
- 17.13 (1) \$1,500,000 each year is for innovation
17.14 grants to eligible Minnesota entrepreneurs or
17.15 start-up businesses to assist with their
17.16 operating needs;
- 17.17 (2) \$500,000 each year is for administration
17.18 of Launch Minnesota; and
- 17.19 (3) \$500,000 each year is for grantee activities
17.20 at Launch Minnesota.
- 17.21 (t) \$1,148,000 the first year is for a grant to
17.22 the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, a small
17.23 business administration microlender and
17.24 community development financial institution
17.25 operating in northern Minnesota. Grant funds
17.26 must be used as capital for accessing
17.27 additional federal lending for small businesses
17.28 impacted by COVID-19 and must be returned
17.29 to the commissioner for deposit in the general
17.30 fund if the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund fails
17.31 to secure such federal funds before January 1,
17.32 2022.
- 17.33 (u) \$80,000,000 the first year is for the Main
17.34 Street Economic Revitalization Loan Program.

18.1 Of this amount, up to \$300,000 is for the
18.2 commissioner's administration and monitoring
18.3 of the program. This appropriation is available
18.4 until June 30, 2025.

18.5 (v) \$70,000,000 the first year is for the Main
18.6 Street COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. Of
18.7 this amount, up to:

18.8 (1) \$34,950,000 is for grants to the Minnesota
18.9 Initiative Foundations to serve businesses
18.10 outside of the metropolitan area as defined in
18.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121,
18.12 subdivision 2;

18.13 (2) \$34,950,000 is for grants to partner
18.14 organizations to serve businesses inside the
18.15 metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota
18.16 Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 2; and

18.17 (3) \$100,000 is for the commissioner's
18.18 administration and monitoring of the program.

18.19 (w) \$250,000 each year is for the publication,
18.20 dissemination, and use of labor market
18.21 information under Minnesota Statutes, section
18.22 116J.401.

18.23 (x) \$500,000 each year is for the airport
18.24 infrastructure renewal (AIR) grant program
18.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.439.
18.26 In awarding grants with this appropriation, the
18.27 commissioner must prioritize eligible
18.28 applicants that did not receive a grant pursuant
18.29 to the appropriation in Laws 2019, First
18.30 Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 2,
18.31 subdivision 2, paragraph (q).

18.32 (y) \$750,000 each year is from the workforce
18.33 development fund for grants to the

- 19.1 Neighborhood Development Center for small
 19.2 business programs, including:
 19.3 (1) training, lending, and business services;
 19.4 (2) model outreach and training in greater
 19.5 Minnesota; and
 19.6 (3) development of new business incubators.

19.7 This is a onetime appropriation.

- 19.8 (z) \$5,000,000 in the first year is for a grant
 19.9 to Lake of the Woods County for the
 19.10 forgivable loan program for remote
 19.11 recreational businesses. This appropriation is
 19.12 available until April 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

19.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

19.14 Sec. 4. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 14, article 11, section 42, is amended to
 19.15 read:

19.16 Sec. 42. **APPROPRIATION; MEAT PROCESSING BUSINESSES IN**
 19.17 **REDEVELOPMENT AREA.**

19.18 Of an appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for the targeted community capital project grant
 19.19 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9924, the commissioner of employment
 19.20 and economic development must grant \$6,000,000 to the city of South St. Paul for ~~one or~~
 19.21 ~~more grants to any~~ a grant to a business engaged in the meat processing industry and currently
 19.22 conducting operations in a building or buildings constructed on or before January 1, 1947,
 19.23 and located in ~~a city of the second class that was designated as a redevelopment area by the~~
 19.24 ~~United States Department of Commerce under the Public Works and Economic Development~~
 19.25 ~~Act of 1965, Public Law 89-136, title IV, section 401(a)(4).~~ This appropriation includes:
 19.26 the city of South St. Paul. Grant proceeds may be used for site acquisition costs; relocation
 19.27 costs; predesign; design; sewer, water, and stormwater infrastructure; site preparation;
 19.28 engineering; and the cost of improvements to real property locally zoned to allow a meat
 19.29 processing land use ~~that are incurred by any qualified business under this section. A grantee~~
 19.30 ~~under this section must work in consultation with a local government unit with jurisdiction~~
 19.31 ~~over the area where the property is located on activities funded by the grant.~~ This is a onetime

20.1 appropriation. ~~A grant issued under this section is not subject to the grant requirements~~
 20.2 ~~under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.9924.~~

20.3 Sec. 5. **CANCELLATION.**

20.4 All unspent money, estimated to be \$889,000, appropriated under Laws 2015, First
 20.5 Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraphs (k) and (l), is
 20.6 canceled to the general fund.

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

20.8 **ARTICLE 2**

20.9 **LABOR AND INDUSTRY APPROPRIATIONS**

20.10 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

20.11 The sums shown in the columns under "Appropriations" are added to the appropriations
 20.12 in Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, or other law to the specified agencies. The
 20.13 appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the
 20.14 fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in this article
 20.15 mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June
 20.16 30, 2022, or June 30, 2023, respectively. Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 20.17 2022, are effective the day following final enactment. If an appropriation in this act is
 20.18 enacted more than once during the 2022 regular session, the appropriation is to be given
 20.19 effect only once.

20.20 **APPROPRIATIONS**

20.21 **Available for the Year**

20.22 **Ending June 30**

20.23 **2022**

2023

20.24 **Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND**
 20.25 **INDUSTRY**

20.26 **Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation** **\$** **-0-** **\$** **2,208,000**

20.27 **Appropriations by Fund**

20.28		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
20.29	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,458,000</u>
20.30	<u>Workforce</u>		
20.31	<u>Development</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>750,000</u>

21.1	<u>Subd. 2. Labor Standards and Apprenticeship</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
21.2	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
21.3	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>700,000</u>
21.4	<u>Workforce</u>		
21.5	<u>Development</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>500,000</u>
21.6	<u>(a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for the</u>		
21.7	<u>loggers safety grant program under Laws</u>		
21.8	<u>2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article</u>		
21.9	<u>3, section 21. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
21.10	<u>(b) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2023 is to establish</u>		
21.11	<u>a Veterans Liaison Coordinator position in the</u>		
21.12	<u>Division of Labor Standards and</u>		
21.13	<u>Apprenticeship. The position is responsible</u>		
21.14	<u>for collaborating with Minnesota stakeholders</u>		
21.15	<u>and state and federal agencies to: promote and</u>		
21.16	<u>increase veterans in the trades; support</u>		
21.17	<u>initiatives for veterans seeking a living wage</u>		
21.18	<u>and sustainable employment; and increase</u>		
21.19	<u>awareness of registered apprenticeship</u>		
21.20	<u>opportunities in Minnesota. Of this amount,</u>		
21.21	<u>up to \$150,000 is for salary and benefits for</u>		
21.22	<u>the position, and \$50,000 is for administrative</u>		
21.23	<u>support services, marketing, and paid</u>		
21.24	<u>communications. The base for the</u>		
21.25	<u>appropriation is \$180,000 in fiscal year 2024</u>		
21.26	<u>and \$160,000 in fiscal year 2025.</u>		
21.27	<u>(c) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is from the</u>		
21.28	<u>workforce development fund for labor</u>		
21.29	<u>education and advancement program grants</u>		
21.30	<u>under Minnesota Statutes, section 178.11, to</u>		
21.31	<u>expand and promote training for people of</u>		
21.32	<u>color, Indigenous people, and women. This is</u>		
21.33	<u>a onetime appropriation. Of this amount:</u>		
21.34	<u>(1) \$50,000 is available for program</u>		
21.35	<u>administration; and</u>		

22.1 (2) at least \$250,000 must be awarded to
 22.2 community-based organizations.

22.3 **Subd. 3. Workforce Development Initiatives** -0- 858,000

22.4 Appropriations by Fund

22.5 General -0- 608,000

22.6 Workforce
 22.7 Development -0- 250,000

22.8 (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for youth
 22.9 skills training grants under Minnesota Statutes,
 22.10 section 175.46.

22.11 (b) \$108,000 in fiscal year 2023 is for
 22.12 administration of the youth skills training
 22.13 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.14 175.46. In fiscal year 2024, the base for this
 22.15 appropriation is \$116,000. In fiscal year 2025,
 22.16 the base for this appropriation is \$124,000.

22.17 (c)(1) \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023 is
 22.18 appropriated from the workforce development
 22.19 fund to the commissioner of labor and industry
 22.20 for a grant to Abijah's on the Backside to
 22.21 provide equine experiential mental health
 22.22 therapy to first responders suffering from
 22.23 job-related trauma and post-traumatic stress
 22.24 disorder. This is a onetime appropriation.

22.25 (2) For purposes of this section, a "first
 22.26 responder" is a peace officer as defined in
 22.27 Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84,
 22.28 subdivision 1, paragraph (c); a full-time
 22.29 firefighter as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 22.30 section 299N.03, subdivision 5; or a volunteer
 22.31 firefighter as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
 22.32 section 299N.03, subdivision 7.

22.33 (3) Abijah's on the Backside must report to
 22.34 the commissioner of labor and industry and

23.1 the chairs and ranking minority members of
 23.2 the house of representatives and senate
 23.3 committees overseeing labor and industry
 23.4 policy and finance on the equine experiential
 23.5 mental health therapy provided to first
 23.6 responders under this section. The report must
 23.7 include an overview of the program's budget,
 23.8 a detailed explanation of program
 23.9 expenditures, the number of first responders
 23.10 served by the program, and a list and
 23.11 explanation of the services provided to and
 23.12 benefits received by program participants. An
 23.13 initial report is due by January 15, 2023, and
 23.14 a final report is due by January 15, 2024.

23.15 **Subd. 4. Combative Sports** -0- 150,000

23.16 **Sec. 3. WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT**
 23.17 **OF APPEALS** \$ **-0-** \$ **300,000**

23.18 (a) This appropriation is from the workers'
 23.19 compensation fund. Of this amount, \$100,000
 23.20 is for rulemaking. This appropriation is
 23.21 onetime.

23.22 (b) In fiscal years 2024 and 2025, \$200,000
 23.23 is added to the agency's base.

23.24 Sec. 4. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 1, section 5, is amended to
 23.25 read:

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

23.27 (a) \$125,000 each year is for purposes of the
 23.28 Public Employment Relations Board under
 23.29 Minnesota Statutes, section 179A.041. This
 23.30 is a onetime appropriation.

23.31 ~~(b) \$68,000 each year is for grants to area~~
 23.32 ~~labor management committees. Grants may~~
 23.33 ~~be awarded for a 12-month period beginning~~

24.1 ~~July 1 each year. Any unencumbered balance~~
 24.2 ~~remaining at the end of the first year does not~~
 24.3 ~~cancel but is available for the second year.~~
 24.4 ~~(e) (b) \$47,000 each year is for rulemaking,~~
 24.5 ~~staffing, and other costs associated with peace~~
 24.6 ~~officer grievance procedures.~~

24.7 **ARTICLE 3**

24.8 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

24.9 Section 1. **[116J.015] REVIEW OF REPORT MANDATES.**

24.10 The commissioner of employment and economic development shall annually create a
 24.11 list of reports that were mandated by law at least three years prior to the date of the list and
 24.12 that no longer serve a useful purpose. This list, along with an explanation of why the reports
 24.13 should be eliminated and suggested legislation for eliminating the listed reports, shall be
 24.14 submitted no later than January 15 each year, beginning in 2023, to the chairs of relevant
 24.15 legislative committees.

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

24.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.035, is amended by adding a subdivision
 24.18 to read:

24.19 Subd. 7a. **Competitive grants.** The commissioner shall, when awarding competitive
 24.20 grants to organizations for the purpose of providing job training, give priority to programs
 24.21 or organizations that focus job training in high-wage, high-demand careers. For purposes
 24.22 of this subdivision, "high-wage, high-demand" has the meaning given in section 116L.99.

24.23 Sec. 3. **[116J.4231] IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS.**

24.24 Subdivision 1. **Effort established; purpose.** (a) Immigrant and refugee affairs is an
 24.25 effort established within the Department of Employment and Economic Development to
 24.26 assist in carrying out the duties under subdivision 2.

24.27 (b) The purpose of the effort is to serve immigrants and refugees in Minnesota by:

24.28 (1) addressing challenges that face immigrants and refugees in Minnesota and creating
 24.29 access in economic development and workforce programs and services;

25.1 (2) providing interstate agency coordination, policy reviews, and guidance that assist in
25.2 creating access to immigrants and refugees.

25.3 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) The effort has the duty to:

25.4 (1) create and implement a statewide strategy to support immigrant and refugee integration
25.5 into Minnesota communities;

25.6 (2) address the state's workforce needs by connecting employers and job seekers within
25.7 the immigrant and refugee community;

25.8 (3) identify strategies to reduce employment barriers for immigrants and refugees;

25.9 (4) ensure equitable opportunities and access to services within state government for
25.10 immigrants and refugees;

25.11 (5) work with state agencies and community and foundation partners to undertake studies
25.12 and research and analyze economic and demographic trends to better understand and serve
25.13 the state's immigrant and refugee communities;

25.14 (6) coordinate best practices for language access initiatives to all state agencies;

25.15 (7) convene stakeholders and make policy recommendations to the governor on issues
25.16 impacting immigrants and refugees; and

25.17 (8) provide an annual report as required by subdivision 3.

25.18 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** (a) Beginning January 15, 2024, and each year thereafter, immigrant
25.19 and refugee affairs shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the effort's
25.20 activities during the previous year.

25.21 (b) The report shall contain at a minimum:

25.22 (1) a summary of the effort's activities;

25.23 (2) immigrant and refugee employment and job training outcomes;

25.24 (3) suggested policies, incentives, and legislation designed to accelerate the achievement
25.25 of the duties under subdivision 2;

25.26 (4) the amount and types of grants awarded under subdivision 6; and

25.27 (5) any other information deemed necessary and requested by the legislative committees
25.28 with jurisdiction over the effort.

25.29 (c) The report may be submitted electronically and is subject to section 3.195, subdivision
25.30 1.

26.1 Subd. 4. Interdepartmental Coordinating Council on Immigrant and Refugee
26.2 Affairs. (a) An interdepartmental Coordinating Council on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
26.3 is established to identify ways in which state departments and agencies can work together
26.4 to deliver state programs and services effectively and efficiently to Minnesota's immigrant
26.5 and refugee populations.

26.6 (b) The council shall implement policies, procedures, and programs requested by the
26.7 governor through the state departments and efforts.

26.8 (c) The council shall be chaired by a representative from immigrant and refugee affairs
26.9 and shall be comprised of the commissioners, department directors, or designees, from the
26.10 following state departments, efforts, and offices:

26.11 (1) the governor's office;

26.12 (2) the Department of Administration;

26.13 (3) the Department of Employment and Economic Development;

26.14 (4) the Department of Human Services;

26.15 (5) the Department of Human Services Resettlement Program Office;

26.16 (6) the Department of Labor and Industry;

26.17 (7) the Department of Health;

26.18 (8) the Department of Education;

26.19 (9) the Office of Higher Education;

26.20 (10) the Department of Public Safety;

26.21 (11) the Department of Corrections; and

26.22 (12) the immigrant and refugee affairs effort.

26.23 (d) Each department or office serving as a member of the council shall designate one
26.24 staff member as an immigrant and refugee services liaison. The liaisons' responsibilities
26.25 shall include:

26.26 (1) preparation and dissemination of information and services available to immigrants
26.27 and refugees;

26.28 (2) interfacing with the immigrant and refugee affairs effort on issues that impact
26.29 immigrants and refugees and their communities; and

27.1 (3) where applicable, serving as the point of contact for immigrants and refugees accessing
 27.2 resources both within the department and with boards charged with oversight of a profession.

27.3 Subd. 5. **No right of action.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to create any
 27.4 right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party
 27.5 against the state; its departments, agencies, or entities; its officers, employees, or agents;
 27.6 or any other person.

27.7 Subd. 6. **Grants.** Within the limits of available appropriations, the immigrant and refugee
 27.8 affairs effort may apply for grants for interested state agencies, community partners, and
 27.9 stakeholders under this section to carry out the duties under subdivision 2.

27.10 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.55, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

27.11 **Subd. 6. Eligible expenditures.** (a) Money in the account established in subdivision 3
 27.12 must be used only to:

27.13 (1) award grants to eligible communities under this section; and

27.14 (2) reimburse the department's reasonable costs to administer this section, up to a
 27.15 maximum of five percent of the appropriation made to the commissioner under this section.
 27.16 The commissioner may transfer part of the allowable administrative portion of this
 27.17 appropriation to the Environmental Quality Board to assist communities with regulatory
 27.18 coordination, and dedicated technical assistance on conversion for these communities.

27.19 (b) An eligible community awarded a grant under this section may use the grant to plan
 27.20 for or address the economic and social impacts on the eligible community of the electric
 27.21 generating plant's cessation of operations, including but not limited to land use studies,
 27.22 economic planning, researching, planning, and implementing activities and impact studies
 27.23 and other planning activities enabling communities to become shovel-ready and support
 27.24 the transition from power plants to other economic activities to minimize the negative
 27.25 impacts of power plant closures on tax revenues and jobs designed to:

27.26 (1) assist workers at the plant find new employment, including worker retraining and
 27.27 developing small business start-up skills;

27.28 (2) increase the eligible community's property tax base; and

27.29 (3) develop alternative economic development strategies to attract new employers to the
 27.30 eligible community.

28.1 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.552, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

28.2 Subd. 6. **Municipality.** "Municipality" means the statutory or home rule charter city,
28.3 town, federally recognized Tribe, or, in the case of unorganized territory, the county in
28.4 which the site is located.

28.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.8747, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

28.6 Subd. 2. **Qualified job training program.** To qualify for grants under this section, a
28.7 job training program must satisfy the following requirements:

28.8 (1) the program must be operated by a nonprofit corporation that qualifies under section
28.9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

28.10 (2) the program may spend up to \$5,500 in total training per participant;

28.11 (3) the program must provide education and training in:

28.12 (i) basic skills, such as reading, writing, financial literacy, digital literacy, mathematics,
28.13 and communications;

28.14 (ii) long-term plans for success including participant coaching for two years after
28.15 placement;

28.16 (iii) soft skills, including skills critical to success on the job; and

28.17 (iv) access to internships, technology training, personal and emotional intelligence skill
28.18 development, and other support services;

28.19 (4) the program may provide ~~income supplements not to exceed \$2,000 per participant~~
28.20 support services, when needed, to participants for housing, counseling, tuition, and other
28.21 basic needs;

28.22 (5) individuals served by the program must be 18 years of age or older as of the date of
28.23 enrollment, and have household income in the six months immediately before entering the
28.24 program that is 200 percent or less of the federal poverty guideline for Minnesota, based
28.25 on family size; and

28.26 (6) the program must be certified by the commissioner of employment and economic
28.27 development as meeting the requirements of this subdivision.

28.28 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.8747, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

28.29 Subd. 3. **Graduation and retention grant requirements.** (a) For purposes of a placement
28.30 grant under this section, a qualified graduate is a graduate of a job training program qualifying

29.1 under subdivision 2 who is placed in a job in Minnesota averaging at least 32 hours per
 29.2 week that pays at least the current state minimum wage. To qualify for a retention grant
 29.3 under this section for a retention fee, a job in which the graduate is retained must pay at
 29.4 least the current state minimum wage.

29.5 (b) Programs are limited to one placement and one retention payment for a qualified
 29.6 graduate in a performance program. The payment must be made within two years, subject
 29.7 to the requirements under sections 16A.15 and 16C.05.

29.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.8747, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

29.9 Subd. 4. **Duties of program.** (a) A program certified by the commissioner under
 29.10 subdivision 2 must comply with the requirements of this subdivision.

29.11 (b) A program must maintain and provide upon request records for each qualified graduate
 29.12 in compliance with state record retention requirements under section 15.17. The records
 29.13 must include information sufficient to verify the graduate's eligibility under this section,
 29.14 identify the employer, and describe the job including its compensation rate ~~and~~, benefits,
 29.15 and average hours per week.

29.16 (c) A program is subject to the reporting requirements under section 116L.98.

29.17 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 116J.8749, subdivision 1, is amended
 29.18 to read:

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

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

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

29.23 (d) "Eligible project" means the development, redevelopment, demolition, site preparation,
 29.24 predesign, design, engineering, repair, or renovation of real property or capital improvements.
 29.25 Eligible projects must be designed to address the greatest economic development and
 29.26 redevelopment needs that have arisen in the community surrounding that real property since
 29.27 March 15, 2020. Eligible project includes but is not limited to the construction of buildings,
 29.28 infrastructure, and related site amenities, landscaping, or street-scaping. Eligible project
 29.29 does not include the purchase of real estate or business operations or business operating
 29.30 expenses, such as inventory, wages, or working capital.

29.31 (e) "Eligible recipient" means a:

30.1 (1) business;

30.2 (2) nonprofit organization; ~~or~~

30.3 (3) developer; or

30.4 (4) in a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, excluding

30.5 Hennepin or Ramsey County, the county economic development association that is seeking

30.6 funding to complete an eligible project. Eligible recipient does not include a partner

30.7 organization or a local unit of government, unless the eligible recipient meets the

30.8 qualifications under clause (4) in this paragraph.

30.9 (f) "Guaranteed loan" means a loan guaranteed by the state for 80 percent of the loan

30.10 amount for a maximum period of 15 years from the origination of the loan.

30.11 (g) "Leveraged grant" means a grant that is matched by the eligible recipient's

30.12 commitment to the eligible project of nonstate funds at a level of 200 percent of the grant

30.13 amount. The nonstate match may include but is not limited to funds contributed by a partner

30.14 organization and insurance proceeds.

30.15 (h) "Loan guarantee trust fund" means a dedicated account established under this section

30.16 for the purpose of compensation for defaulted loan guarantees.

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

30.18 (1) foundations engaged in economic development;

30.19 (2) community development financial institutions; and

30.20 (3) community development corporations.

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

30.22 (k) "Subordinated loan" means a loan secured by a lien that is lower in priority than one

30.23 or more specified other liens.

30.24 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 116J.8749, subdivision 3, is amended

30.25 to read:

30.26 Subd. 3. **Grants to partner organizations.** (a) The commissioner shall make grants to

30.27 partner organizations to provide leveraged grants and guaranteed loans to eligible recipients

30.28 using criteria, forms, applications, and reporting requirements developed by the

30.29 commissioner.

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

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

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

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

31.12 (c) Grants shall be made ~~in up to three rounds~~ as follows:

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

31.15 (2) a second round with an application date after September 1, 2021, but before March
 31.16 1, 2022; and

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

31.19 (3) when funds are available for this program after March 1, 2022, the department shall
 31.20 make grants in rounds at least annually.

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

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

31.25 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116J.993, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

31.26 Subd. 3. **Business subsidy.** "Business subsidy" or "subsidy" means a state or local
 31.27 government agency grant, contribution of personal property, real property, infrastructure,
 31.28 the principal amount of a loan at rates below those commercially available to the recipient,
 31.29 any reduction or deferral of any tax or any fee, any guarantee of any payment under any
 31.30 loan, lease, or other obligation, or any preferential use of government facilities given to a
 31.31 business.

31.32 The following forms of financial assistance are not a business subsidy:

- 32.1 (1) a business subsidy of less than \$150,000;
- 32.2 (2) assistance that is generally available to all businesses or to a general class of similar
32.3 businesses, such as a line of business, size, location, or similar general criteria;
- 32.4 (3) public improvements to buildings or lands owned by the state or local government
32.5 that serve a public purpose and do not principally benefit a single business or defined group
32.6 of businesses at the time the improvements are made;
- 32.7 (4) redevelopment property polluted by contaminants as defined in section 116J.552,
32.8 subdivision 3;
- 32.9 (5) assistance provided for the sole purpose of renovating old or decaying building stock
32.10 or bringing it up to code and assistance provided for designated historic preservation districts,
32.11 provided that the assistance is equal to or less than 50 percent of the total cost;
- 32.12 (6) assistance to provide job readiness and training services if the sole purpose of the
32.13 assistance is to provide those services;
- 32.14 (7) assistance for housing;
- 32.15 (8) assistance for pollution control or abatement, including assistance for a tax increment
32.16 financing hazardous substance subdistrict as defined under section 469.174, subdivision
32.17 23;
- 32.18 (9) assistance for energy conservation;
- 32.19 (10) tax reductions resulting from conformity with federal tax law;
- 32.20 (11) workers' compensation and unemployment insurance;
- 32.21 (12) benefits derived from regulation;
- 32.22 (13) indirect benefits derived from assistance to educational institutions;
- 32.23 (14) funds from bonds allocated under chapter 474A, bonds issued to refund outstanding
32.24 bonds, and bonds issued for the benefit of an organization described in section 501(c)(3)
32.25 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1999;
- 32.26 (15) assistance for a collaboration between a Minnesota higher education institution and
32.27 a business;
- 32.28 (16) assistance for a tax increment financing soils condition district as defined under
32.29 section 469.174, subdivision 19;
- 32.30 (17) redevelopment when the recipient's investment in the purchase of the site and in
32.31 site preparation is 70 percent or more of the assessor's current year's estimated market value;

33.1 (18) general changes in tax increment financing law and other general tax law changes
33.2 of a principally technical nature;

33.3 (19) federal assistance until the assistance has been repaid to, and reinvested by, the
33.4 state or local government agency;

33.5 (20) funds from dock and wharf bonds issued by a seaway port authority;

33.6 (21) business loans and loan guarantees of \$150,000 or less;

33.7 (22) federal loan funds provided through the United States Department of Commerce,
33.8 Economic Development Administration, Department of the Treasury; and

33.9 (23) property tax abatements granted under section 469.1813 to property that is subject
33.10 to valuation under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8100.

33.11 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.04, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

33.12 Subd. 1a. **Pathways program.** The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid for
33.13 developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and
33.14 assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program
33.15 is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program
33.16 administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design
33.17 and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

33.18 Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training
33.19 institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs
33.20 and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

33.21 Preference shall be given to projects that:

33.22 (1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;

33.23 (2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;

33.24 (3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing
33.25 basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and

33.26 (4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic
33.27 Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and
33.28 other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

33.29 Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment
33.30 of participating private business businesses, Tribal-owned businesses, and municipal and
33.31 county hospitals. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind contributions on

34.1 at least a one-half-to-one ratio by participating private ~~business~~ businesses, Tribal-owned
 34.2 businesses, and municipal or county hospitals.

34.3 A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed \$400,000. A portion of a grant may
 34.4 be used for preemployment training.

34.5 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

34.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
 34.7 the meanings given them in this subdivision.

34.8 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic development.

34.9 (c) "Dislocated worker" means an individual who is a resident of Minnesota at the time
 34.10 employment ceased or was working in the state at the time employment ceased and:

34.11 (1) has been permanently separated or has received a notice of permanent separation
 34.12 from public or private sector employment and is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement
 34.13 to unemployment benefits, and is unlikely to return to the previous industry or occupation;

34.14 (2) has been long-term unemployed and has limited opportunities for employment or
 34.15 reemployment in the same or a similar occupation in the area in which the individual resides,
 34.16 including older individuals who may have substantial barriers to employment by reason of
 34.17 age;

34.18 (3) has been terminated or has received a notice of termination of employment as a result
 34.19 of a plant closing or a substantial layoff at a plant, facility, or enterprise;

34.20 (4) has been self-employed, including farmers and ranchers, and is unemployed as a
 34.21 result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or
 34.22 because of natural disasters;

34.23 (5) is a veteran as defined by section 197.447, has been discharged or released from
 34.24 active duty under honorable conditions within the last 36 months, and (i) is unemployed or
 34.25 (ii) is employed in a job verified to be below the skill level and earning capacity of the
 34.26 veteran;

34.27 (6) is an individual determined by the United States Department of Labor to be covered
 34.28 by trade adjustment assistance under United States Code, title 19, sections 2271 to 2331,
 34.29 as amended; or

34.30 (7) is a displaced homemaker. A "displaced homemaker" is an individual who has spent
 34.31 a substantial number of years in the home providing homemaking service and (i) has been
 34.32 dependent upon the financial support of another; and ~~now~~ due to divorce, separation, death,

35.1 or disability of that person, must now find employment to self support; or (ii) derived the
 35.2 substantial share of support from public assistance on account of dependents in the home
 35.3 and no longer receives such support. To be eligible under this clause, the support must have
 35.4 ceased while the worker resided in Minnesota.

35.5 For the purposes of this section, "dislocated worker" does not include an individual who
 35.6 was an employee, at the time employment ceased, of a political committee, political fund,
 35.7 principal campaign committee, or party unit, as those terms are used in chapter 10A, or an
 35.8 organization required to file with the federal elections commission.

35.9 (d) "Eligible organization" means a state or local government unit, nonprofit organization,
 35.10 community action agency, business organization or association, or labor organization.

35.11 (e) "Plant closing" means the announced or actual permanent shutdown of a single site
 35.12 of employment, or one or more facilities or operating units within a single site of
 35.13 employment.

35.14 (f) "Substantial layoff" means a permanent reduction in the workforce, which is not a
 35.15 result of a plant closing, and which results in an employment loss at a single site of
 35.16 employment during any 30-day period for at least 50 employees excluding those employees
 35.17 that work less than 20 hours per week.

35.18 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.98, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

35.21 (b) "Credential" means ~~postsecondary~~ degrees, diplomas, licenses, and certificates
 35.22 awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational
 35.23 skills necessary to obtain employment or advance with an occupation. This definition does
 35.24 not include ~~certificates awarded by workforce investment boards or~~ work-readiness
 35.25 certificates.

35.26 (c) "Exit" means to have not received service under a workforce program for 90
 35.27 consecutive calendar days. The exit date is the last date of service.

35.28 (d) "Net impact" means the use of matched control groups and regression analysis to
 35.29 estimate the impacts attributable to program participation net of other factors, including
 35.30 observable personal characteristics and economic conditions.

35.31 (e) "Pre-enrollment" means the period of time before an individual was enrolled in a
 35.32 workforce program.

36.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 116L.98, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

36.2 Subd. 3. **Uniform outcome report card; reporting by commissioner.** (a) By December
36.3 31 of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking
36.4 minority members of the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having
36.5 jurisdiction over economic development and workforce policy and finance the following
36.6 information separately for each of the previous two fiscal or calendar years, for each program
36.7 subject to the requirements of subdivision 1:

36.8 (1) the total number of participants enrolled;

36.9 (2) the median pre-enrollment wages based on participant wages for the second through
36.10 the fifth calendar quarters immediately preceding the quarter of enrollment excluding those
36.11 with zero income;

36.12 (3) the total number of participants with zero income in the second through fifth calendar
36.13 quarters immediately preceding the quarter of enrollment;

36.14 (4) the total number of participants enrolled in training;

36.15 (5) the total number of participants enrolled in training by occupational group;

36.16 (6) the total number of participants that exited the program and the average enrollment
36.17 duration of participants that have exited the program during the year;

36.18 (7) the total number of exited participants who completed training;

36.19 (8) the total number of exited participants who attained a credential;

36.20 (9) the total number of participants employed during three consecutive quarters
36.21 immediately following the quarter of exit, by industry;

36.22 (10) the median wages of participants employed during three consecutive quarters
36.23 immediately following the quarter of exit;

36.24 (11) the total number of participants employed during eight consecutive quarters
36.25 immediately following the quarter of exit, by industry;

36.26 (12) the median wages of participants employed during eight consecutive quarters
36.27 immediately following the quarter of exit;

36.28 (13) the total cost of the program;

36.29 (14) the total cost of the program per participant;

36.30 (15) the cost per credential received by a participant; and

37.1 (16) the administrative cost of the program.

37.2 (b) The report to the legislature must contain:

37.3 (1) participant information by education level, race and ethnicity, gender, and geography,
37.4 and a comparison of exited participants who completed training and those who did not; and

37.5 (2) a list of any grant recipients that did not satisfy all of the reporting requirements of
37.6 this section for the applicable reporting period.

37.7 (c) The requirements of this section apply to programs administered directly by the
37.8 commissioner or administered by other organizations under a grant made by the department.

37.9 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 268.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to
37.10 read:

37.11 Subd. 7. **Overpayments; report to legislature.** (a) Beginning July 1, 2023, and each
37.12 April 15 thereafter, the commissioner must report to the chairs and ranking minority members
37.13 of the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over
37.14 unemployment insurance for the previous calendar year, to the extent that the following
37.15 information is not classified as not public under chapter 13 or 268, information about
37.16 unemployment insurance fraud and attempted fraud, including:

37.17 (1) misrepresentation or fraud by an authenticated applicant;

37.18 (2) attempted fraud through identity theft; or

37.19 (3) acts of attempted fraud by an unidentified imposter or hijacker.

37.20 (b) For each of paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), the report must detail the number of
37.21 weeks held overpaid, and total dollar amount, source, and cause of benefits held overpaid.

37.22 (c) For each of paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), the report must detail the number of
37.23 weeks and total dollar amount held overpaid as a ratio of total weeks paid and the total
37.24 amount paid over the same period.

37.25 (d) Information provided must include available data regarding suspected fraud attempts
37.26 for each of paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), that the department identified and stopped prior
37.27 to issuing an overpayment, including progress made to enhance data collection related to
37.28 such fraudulent attempts and the number of times the department referred fraudulent activity
37.29 to law enforcement.

38.1 Sec. 17. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 7, article 2, section 8, subdivision 8, as
38.2 amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 19, is amended
38.3 to read:

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

38.10 (b) By December 31, ~~2024~~ 2023, Launch Minnesota shall provide a comprehensive
38.11 transition plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the house
38.12 of representatives and senate having jurisdiction over economic development policy and
38.13 finance. The transition plan shall include: (1) a detailed strategy for the transfer of Launch
38.14 Minnesota activities to an entity outside of state government; (2) the projected date of the
38.15 transfer; and (3) the role of the state, if any, in ongoing activities of Launch Minnesota or
38.16 its successor entity.

38.17 Sec. 18. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 24, subdivision 1,
38.18 is amended to read:

38.19 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Lake of the Woods County shall establish a loan program
38.20 to make forgivable loans to eligible remote recreational businesses that experienced a loss
38.21 in revenue that is greater than 30 percent during the period between March 15, ~~2020~~ 2021,
38.22 and March 15, ~~2021~~ 2022, as compared with ~~the previous year~~ March 15, 2019, and March
38.23 15, 2020.

38.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

38.25 Sec. 19. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 24, subdivision 3,
38.26 is amended to read:

38.27 Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a forgivable loan, a remote recreational business
38.28 must:

38.29 (1) have been in operation on March 15, ~~2020~~ 2021;

38.30 (2) show that the closure and ongoing COVID-19-related requirements of the United
38.31 States and Canadian border restricted the ability of American customers to access the location
38.32 of the remote recreational business; and

39.1 (3) not have received a grant under the Main Street COVID-19 relief grant program.

39.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

39.3 Sec. 20. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 24, subdivision 4,
39.4 is amended to read:

39.5 Subd. 4. **Application.** (a) Lake of the Woods County shall develop forms and procedures
39.6 for soliciting and reviewing applications for loans under this section.

39.7 (b) Loans shall be made before ~~April 1, 2022~~ December 30, 2022. Any funds not spent
39.8 by April 1, ~~2022~~ 2023, must be returned to the state general fund.

39.9 (c) If there are insufficient funds to fund all claims in full, the county shall distribute
39.10 funds on a prorated basis.

39.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

39.12 Sec. 21. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 24, subdivision 5,
39.13 is amended to read:

39.14 Subd. 5. **Maximum loan amount.** The maximum loan amount shall be equal to 75
39.15 percent of the remote recreational business's gross annual receipts for fiscal ~~year~~ years 2020
39.16 and 2021, not to exceed \$500,000 per eligible remote recreational business.

39.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

39.18 Sec. 22. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 10, article 2, section 24, subdivision 7,
39.19 is amended to read:

39.20 Subd. 7. **Report to legislature.** By ~~January 15~~ April 30, 2023, Lake of the Woods County
39.21 shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development
39.22 policy and finance on the loans provided to remote recreational businesses under this section.

39.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 31, 2022.

39.24 Sec. 23. Laws 2022, chapter 50, article 1, section 1, is amended to read:

39.25 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND**
39.26 **LOAN REPAYMENT AND REPLENISHMENT.**

39.27 Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** \$2,324,175,000 from the state fiscal recovery federal
39.28 fund and \$405,825,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2022 are appropriated to the

40.1 commissioner of employment and economic development for the purposes of this ~~section~~
 40.2 article.

40.3 Subd. 2. **Repayment.** Within ten days following enactment of this section, the
 40.4 commissioner must determine the sum of any outstanding loans and any interest accrued
 40.5 on the loans from the federal unemployment insurance trust fund, and issue payments to
 40.6 the federal unemployment trust fund equal to that sum.

40.7 Subd. 3. **Replenishment.** Following the full repayment of outstanding loans from the
 40.8 federal unemployment insurance trust fund, the commissioner must deposit into the
 40.9 unemployment insurance trust fund all the remaining money appropriated ~~in~~ for this section.

40.10 Sec. 24. Laws 2022, chapter 50, article 2, section 2, is amended by adding a subdivision
 40.11 to read:

40.12 Subd. 13. **Fraud prevention.** The commissioner of labor and industry, in cooperation
 40.13 with the commissioner of employment and economic development and the commissioner
 40.14 of revenue, must develop a fraud prevention plan and implement a process to identify
 40.15 fraudulent payments made under subdivision 5.

40.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from April 29, 2022.

40.17 Sec. 25. **CANADIAN BORDER COUNTIES ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM.**

40.18 Subdivision 1. **Relief program established.** The Northland Foundation must develop
 40.19 and implement a Canadian border counties economic relief program to assist businesses
 40.20 adversely affected by the 2021 closure of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness or
 40.21 the closures of the Canadian border since 2020.

40.22 Subd. 2. **Available relief.** (a) The economic relief program established under this section
 40.23 may include grants to the extent that funds are available. Before awarding grants to the
 40.24 Northland Foundation for the relief program under this section:

40.25 (1) the Northland Foundation must develop criteria, procedures, and requirements for:

40.26 (i) determining eligibility for assistance;

40.27 (ii) evaluating applications for assistance;

40.28 (iii) awarding assistance; and

40.29 (iv) administering the grant program authorized under this section;

41.1 (2) the Northland Foundation must submit criteria, procedures, and requirements
41.2 developed under clause (1) to the commissioner of employment and economic development
41.3 for review; and

41.4 (3) the commissioner must approve the criteria, procedures, and requirements submitted
41.5 under clause (2).

41.6 (b) The maximum grant to a business under this section is \$50,000 per business.

41.7 Subd. 3. **Qualification requirements.** To qualify for assistance under this section, a
41.8 business must:

41.9 (1) be located within Koochiching County or Cook County;

41.10 (2) document a reduction of at least 20 percent in gross receipts in 2021 compared to
41.11 2019; and

41.12 (3) provide a written explanation for how the 2021 closure of the Boundary Waters
41.13 Canoe Area Wilderness or the closures of the Canadian border since 2020 resulted in the
41.14 reduction in gross receipts documented under clause (2).

41.15 Subd. 4. **Monitoring.** (a) The Northland Foundation must establish performance
41.16 measures, including but not limited to the following components:

41.17 (1) the number of grants awarded and award amounts for each grant;

41.18 (2) the number of jobs created or retained as a result of the assistance, including
41.19 information on the wages and benefit levels, the status of the jobs as full-time or part-time,
41.20 and the status of the jobs as temporary or permanent;

41.21 (3) the amount of business activity and changes in gross revenues of the grant recipient
41.22 as a result of the assistance; and

41.23 (4) the new tax revenue generated as a result of the assistance.

41.24 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development must monitor the
41.25 Northland Foundation's compliance with this section and the performance measures
41.26 developed under paragraph (a).

41.27 (c) The Northland Foundation must comply with all requests made by the commissioner
41.28 under this section.

41.29 Subd. 5. **Business subsidy requirements.** Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.993 to
41.30 116J.995, do not apply to assistance under this section. Businesses in receipt of assistance

42.1 under this section must provide for job creation and retention goals and wage and benefit
 42.2 goals.

42.3 Subd. 6. **Administrative costs.** The commissioner of employment and economic
 42.4 development may use up to three percent of the appropriation made for this section for
 42.5 administrative expenses of the department.

42.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2022, and expires June 30, 2023.

42.7 Sec. 26. **ENCUMBRANCE EXCEPTION.**

42.8 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause
 42.9 (2), or 16C.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), the commissioner of employment
 42.10 and economic development may permit grant recipients of the Minnesota investment fund
 42.11 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731; the job creation fund program under
 42.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748; and the border-to-border broadband program under
 42.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395, to incur eligible expenses based on an agreed upon
 42.14 work plan and budget for up to 90 days prior to an encumbrance being established in the
 42.15 accounting system.

42.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 42.17 expires on June 30, 2025.

42.18 Sec. 27. **MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND AND MINNESOTA JOB CREATION**
 42.19 **FUND REQUIREMENTS EXTENSIONS .**

42.20 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a recipient of a Minnesota Investment
 42.21 Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8731, or a recipient of a Minnesota Job
 42.22 Creation Fund grant under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.8748, who is unable to meet
 42.23 the minimum capital investment requirements, wage, or minimum job creation goals or
 42.24 requirements provided in a business subsidy agreement, as applicable, during or within the
 42.25 12-month period following a peacetime emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic shall
 42.26 be granted an extension until December 31, 2023, to meet those capital investment, wage,
 42.27 or job creation goals or requirements before the grant must be repaid.

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

43.1 **ARTICLE 4**

43.2 **COMBATIVE SPORTS**

43.3 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.21, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

43.4 Subd. 2a. **Combatant.** "Combatant" means an individual who employs the act of attack
43.5 and defense as a professional boxer, professional or amateur tough person, ~~martial artist,~~
43.6 or professional or amateur mixed martial artist while engaged in a combative sport.

43.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.21, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

43.8 Subd. 2c. **Combative sports contest.** "Combative sports contest" means a professional
43.9 boxing, a professional or amateur tough person, or a professional or amateur ~~martial art~~
43.10 ~~contest~~ or mixed martial arts contest, bout, competition, match, or exhibition.

43.11 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.21, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

43.12 Subd. 7. **Tough person contest.** "Tough person contest," including contests marketed
43.13 as tough man or tough woman contests, means a ~~contest of two-minute rounds consisting~~
43.14 ~~of not more than four rounds between two or more individuals who use their hands, or their~~
43.15 ~~feet, or both in any manner. Tough person contest includes kickboxing and other recognized~~
43.16 ~~martial art contest.~~ boxing match or similar contest where each combatant wears headgear
43.17 and gloves that weigh at least 12 ounces.

43.18 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.221, is amended to read:

43.19 **341.221 ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

43.20 (a) The commissioner must appoint a Combative Sports Advisory Council to advise the
43.21 commissioner on the administration of duties under this chapter.

43.22 (b) The council shall have ~~nine~~ five members appointed by the commissioner. ~~One~~
43.23 ~~member must be a retired judge of the Minnesota District Court, Minnesota Court of Appeals,~~
43.24 ~~Minnesota Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota,~~
43.25 ~~or the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. At least four~~ All five members must have knowledge
43.26 of the boxing combative sports industry. ~~At least four members must have knowledge of~~
43.27 ~~the mixed martial arts industry.~~ The commissioner shall make serious efforts to appoint
43.28 qualified women to serve on the council.

43.29 ~~(e) Council members shall serve terms of four years with the terms ending on the first~~
43.30 ~~Monday in January.~~

43.31 ~~(d)~~ (c) The council shall annually elect from its membership a chair.

44.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) Meetings shall be convened by the commissioner, or by the chair with the approval
44.2 of the commissioner.

44.3 ~~(f) The commissioner shall designate two of the members to serve until the first Monday~~
44.4 ~~in January 2013; two members to serve until the first Monday in January 2014; two members~~
44.5 ~~to serve until the first Monday in January 2015; and three members to serve until the first~~
44.6 ~~Monday in January 2016.~~

44.7 (e) Appointments to the council and the terms of council members shall be governed by
44.8 sections 15.059 and 15.0597.

44.9 ~~(g)~~ (f) Removal of members, filling of vacancies, and compensation of members shall
44.10 be as provided in section 15.059.

44.11 (g) Meetings convened for the purpose of advising the commissioner on issues related
44.12 to a challenge filed under section 341.345 are exempt from the open meeting requirements
44.13 of chapter 13D.

44.14 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.25, is amended to read:

44.15 **341.25 RULES.**

44.16 (a) The commissioner may adopt rules that include standards for the physical examination
44.17 and condition of combatants and referees.

44.18 (b) The commissioner may adopt other rules necessary to carry out the purposes of this
44.19 chapter, including, but not limited to, the conduct of all combative sport contests and their
44.20 manner, supervision, time, and place.

44.21 (c) The commissioner must adopt unified rules for mixed martial arts contests.

44.22 (d) The commissioner may adopt the rules of the Association of Boxing Commissions,
44.23 with amendments.

44.24 (e) The most recent version of the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts, as promulgated
44.25 by the Association of Boxing Commissions and amended August 2, 2016, are incorporated
44.26 by reference and made a part of this chapter except as qualified by this chapter and Minnesota
44.27 Rules, chapter 2202. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and the Unified Rules,
44.28 this chapter must govern.

44.29 (f) The most recent version of the Unified Rules of Boxing, as promulgated by the
44.30 Association of Boxing Commissions, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this
44.31 chapter except as modified by this chapter and Minnesota Rules, chapter 2201. In the event
44.32 of a conflict between this chapter and the Unified Rules, this chapter must govern.

45.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.28, is amended to read:

45.2 **341.28 REGULATION OF COMBATIVE SPORT CONTESTS.**

45.3 Subdivision 1. **Regulatory authority; combative sports.** All combative sport contests
45.4 within this state must be conducted according to the requirements of this chapter.

45.5 Subd. 1a. **Regulatory authority; professional boxing contests.** All professional boxing
45.6 contests are subject to this chapter. Every combatant in a boxing contest shall wear padded
45.7 gloves that weigh at least eight ounces. Officials at all boxing contests must be licensed
45.8 under this chapter.

45.9 Subd. 2. **Regulatory authority; tough person contests.** All professional and amateur
45.10 tough person contests are subject to this chapter. All tough person contests are subject to
45.11 ~~Association of Boxing Commissions rules~~ the most recent version of the Unified Rules of
45.12 Boxing, as promulgated by the Association of Boxing Commissions. Every contestant in a
45.13 tough person contest shall have a physical examination prior to their bouts. Every contestant
45.14 in a tough person contest shall wear headgear and padded gloves that weigh at least 12
45.15 ounces. ~~All tough person bouts are limited to two-minute rounds and a maximum of four~~
45.16 ~~total rounds.~~ Officials at all tough person contests shall be licensed under this chapter.

45.17 Subd. 3. **Regulatory authority; mixed martial arts contests; ~~similar sporting~~**
45.18 **events.** All professional and amateur mixed martial arts contests, ~~martial arts contests except~~
45.19 ~~amateur contests regulated by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), recognized~~
45.20 ~~martial arts studios and schools in Minnesota, and recognized national martial arts~~
45.21 ~~organizations holding contests between students, ultimate fight contests, and similar sporting~~
45.22 ~~events~~ are subject to this chapter and all officials at these events must be licensed under this
45.23 chapter.

45.24 Subd. 4. **Regulatory authority; martial arts and amateur boxing.** (a) Unless this
45.25 chapter specifically states otherwise, contests or exhibitions for martial arts and amateur
45.26 boxing are exempt from the requirements of this chapter and officials at these events are
45.27 not required to be licensed under this chapter.

45.28 (b) All martial arts and amateur boxing contests must be regulated by the Thai Boxing
45.29 Association, International Sports Karate Association, World Kickboxing Association, United
45.30 States Muay Thai Association, United States Muay Thai Federation, World Association of
45.31 Kickboxing Organizations, International Kickboxing Federation, USA Boxing, or an
45.32 organization that governs interscholastic athletics under subdivision 5.

46.1 (c) Any regulatory body overseeing a martial arts or amateur boxing event must submit
 46.2 bout results to the commissioner within 72 hours after the event. If the regulatory body
 46.3 issues suspensions, it must submit to the commissioner, within 72 hours after the event, a
 46.4 list of any suspensions resulting from the event.

46.5 Subd. 5. **Regulatory authority; certain students.** Amateur martial arts and amateur
 46.6 boxing contests regulated by the Minnesota State High School League, National Collegiate
 46.7 Athletic Association, National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association, National Association
 46.8 of Intercollegiate Athletics, or any similar organization that governs interscholastic athletics
 46.9 are not subject to this chapter and officials at these events are not required to be licensed
 46.10 under this chapter.

46.11 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.30, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

46.12 Subd. 4. **Prelicensure requirements.** (a) Before the commissioner issues a promoter's
 46.13 license to an individual, corporation, or other business entity, the applicant shall, ~~a minimum~~
 46.14 ~~of six weeks before the combative sport contest is scheduled to occur,~~ complete a licensing
 46.15 application on the Office of Combative Sports website or on forms ~~furnished or approved~~
 46.16 prescribed by the commissioner and shall:

46.17 ~~(1) provide the commissioner with a copy of any agreement between a combatant and~~
 46.18 ~~the applicant that binds the applicant to pay the combatant a certain fixed fee or percentage~~
 46.19 ~~of the gate receipts;~~

46.20 ~~(2)~~ (1) show on the licensing application the owner or owners of the applicant entity and
 46.21 the percentage of interest held by each owner holding a 25 percent or more interest in the
 46.22 applicant;

46.23 ~~(3)~~ (2) provide the commissioner with a copy of the latest financial statement of the
 46.24 applicant;

46.25 ~~(4) provide the commissioner with a copy or other proof acceptable to the commissioner~~
 46.26 ~~of the insurance contract or policy required by this chapter;~~

46.27 ~~(5)~~ (3) provide proof, where applicable, of authorization to do business in the state of
 46.28 Minnesota; and

46.29 ~~(6)~~ (4) deposit with the commissioner a ~~cash bond or~~ surety bond in an amount set by
 46.30 the commissioner, which must not be less than \$10,000. The bond shall be executed in favor
 46.31 of this state and shall be conditioned on the faithful performance by the promoter of the
 46.32 promoter's obligations under this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

47.1 (b) Before the commissioner issues a license to a combatant, the applicant shall:

47.2 (1) submit to the commissioner the results of ~~a current medical examination~~ examinations
47.3 ~~on forms furnished or approved~~ prescribed by the commissioner. ~~The medical examination~~
47.4 ~~must include an ophthalmological and neurological examination, and documentation of test~~
47.5 ~~results for HBV, HCV, and HIV, and any other blood test as the commissioner by rule may~~
47.6 ~~require. The ophthalmological examination must be designed to detect any retinal defects~~
47.7 ~~or other damage or condition of the eye that could be aggravated by combative sports. The~~
47.8 ~~neurological examination must include an electroencephalogram or medically superior test~~
47.9 ~~if the combatant has been knocked unconscious in a previous contest. The commissioner~~
47.10 ~~may also order an electroencephalogram or other appropriate neurological or physical~~
47.11 ~~examination before any contest if it determines that the examination is desirable to protect~~
47.12 ~~the health of the combatant. The commissioner shall not issue a license to an applicant~~
47.13 ~~submitting positive test results for HBV, HCV, or HIV; that state that the combatant is~~
47.14 cleared to participate in a combative sport contest. The applicant must undergo and submit
47.15 the results of the following medical examinations, which do not exempt a combatant from
47.16 the requirements set forth in section 341.33:

47.17 (i) a physical examination performed by a licensed medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic
47.18 medicine, advance practice nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant. Physical examinations
47.19 are valid for one year from the date of the exam;

47.20 (ii) an ophthalmological examination performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist
47.21 that includes dilation designed to detect any retinal defects or other damage or a condition
47.22 of the eye that could be aggravated by combative sports. Ophthalmological examinations
47.23 are valid for one year from the date of the exam;

47.24 (iii) blood work results for HBsAg (Hepatitis B surface antigen), HCV (Hepatitis C
47.25 antibody), and HIV. Blood work results are good for one year from the date blood was
47.26 drawn. The commissioner shall not issue a license to an applicant submitting positive test
47.27 results for HBsAg, HCV, or HIV; and

47.28 (iv) other appropriate neurological or physical examinations before any contest, if the
47.29 commissioner determines that the examination is desirable to protect the health of the
47.30 combatant.

47.31 (2) complete a licensing application on the Office of Combative Sports website or on
47.32 forms furnished or approved by the commissioner; and

48.1 (3) provide proof that the applicant is 18 years of age. Acceptable proof is a photo driver's
48.2 license, state photo identification card, passport, or birth certificate combined with additional
48.3 photo identification.

48.4 (c) Before the commissioner issues a license to a referee, judge, or timekeeper, the
48.5 applicant must submit proof of qualifications that may include certified training from the
48.6 Association of Boxing Commissions, licensure with other regulatory bodies, three
48.7 professional references, or a log of bouts worked.

48.8 (d) Before the commissioner issues a license to a ringside physician, the applicant must
48.9 submit proof that they are licensed to practice medicine in the state of Minnesota and in
48.10 good standing.

48.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

48.12 Subd. 2. **Expiration and application.** Licenses expire annually on ~~December 31~~ June
48.13 30. A license may be applied for each year by filing an application for licensure and satisfying
48.14 all licensure requirements established in section 341.30, and submitting payment of the
48.15 license fees established in section 341.321. An application for a license and renewal of a
48.16 license must be on a form provided by the commissioner. Any license received or renewed
48.17 in the year 2022 shall be valid until June 30, 2023.

48.18 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.321, is amended to read:

48.19 **341.321 FEE SCHEDULE.**

48.20 (a) The fee schedule for professional and amateur licenses issued by the commissioner
48.21 is as follows:

48.22 (1) referees, \$25;

48.23 (2) promoters, \$700;

48.24 (3) judges and knockdown judges, \$25;

48.25 (4) trainers and seconds, \$80;

48.26 (5) timekeepers, \$25;

48.27 (6) professional combatants, \$70;

48.28 (7) amateur combatants, \$50; and

48.29 (8) ringside physicians, \$25.

49.1 ~~License fees for promoters are due at least six weeks prior to the combative sport contest.~~
 49.2 All ~~other~~ license fees shall be paid no later than the weigh-in prior to the contest. No license
 49.3 may be issued until all prelicensure requirements outlined in section 341.30 are satisfied
 49.4 and fees are paid.

49.5 ~~(b) The commissioner shall establish a contest fee for each combative sport contest and~~
 49.6 ~~shall consider the size and type of venue when establishing a contest fee. The A promoter~~
 49.7 ~~or event organizer of an event regulated by the Department of Labor and Industry must pay,~~
 49.8 ~~per event, a combative sport contest fee is of \$1,500 per event or not more than four percent~~
 49.9 ~~of the gross ticket sales, whichever is greater, as determined by the commissioner when the~~
 49.10 ~~combative sport contest is scheduled. The fee must be paid as follows:~~

49.11 ~~(e) A professional or amateur combative sport contest fee is nonrefundable and shall be~~
 49.12 ~~paid as follows:~~

49.13 (1) \$500 ~~at the time~~ is due when the combative sport contest is scheduled; ~~and~~

49.14 (2) \$1,000 is due at the weigh-in prior to the contest;;

49.15 (3) if four percent of the gross ticket sales is greater than \$1,500, the balance is due to
 49.16 the commissioner within 14 days of the completed contest; and

49.17 (4) the face value of all complimentary tickets distributed for an event, to the extent they
 49.18 exceed 15 percent of total event attendance, count toward gross tickets sales for the purposes
 49.19 of determining a combative sport contest fee.

49.20 ~~If four percent of the gross ticket sales is greater than \$1,500, the balance is due to the~~
 49.21 ~~commissioner within seven days of the completed contest.~~

49.22 ~~(d) The commissioner may establish the maximum number of complimentary tickets~~
 49.23 ~~allowed for each event by rule.~~

49.24 ~~(e)~~ (c) All fees and penalties collected by the commissioner must be deposited in the
 49.25 commissioner account in the special revenue fund.

49.26 Sec. 10. [341.322] PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

49.27 The commissioner may establish a schedule of fees to be paid by a promoter to referees,
 49.28 judges and knockdown judges, timekeepers, and ringside physicians.

49.29 Sec. 11. [341.323] EVENT APPROVAL.

49.30 Subdivision 1. Preapproval documentation. Before the commissioner approves a
 49.31 combative sport contest, the promoter shall:

50.1 (1) provide the commissioner, at least six weeks before the combative sport contest is
 50.2 scheduled to occur, information about the time, date, and location of the contest;

50.3 (2) provide the commissioner, at least 72 hours before the combative sport contest is
 50.4 scheduled to occur, with a copy of any agreement between a combatant and the promoter
 50.5 that binds the promoter to pay the combatant a certain fixed fee or percentage of the gate
 50.6 receipts;

50.7 (3) provide the commissioner, at least 72 hours before the combative sport contest is
 50.8 scheduled to occur, with a copy or other proof acceptable to the commissioner of the
 50.9 insurance contract or policy required by this chapter; and

50.10 (4) provide the commissioner, at least 72 hours before the combative sport contest is
 50.11 scheduled to occur, proof acceptable to the commissioner that the promoter will provide,
 50.12 at the cost of the promoter, at least one uniformed security guard or uniformed off-duty
 50.13 member of law enforcement to provide security at any event regulated by the Department
 50.14 of Labor and Industry. The commissioner may require a promoter to take additional security
 50.15 measures to ensure the safety of participants and spectators at an event.

50.16 Subd. 2. **Proper licensure.** Before the commissioner approves a combative sport contest,
 50.17 the commissioner must ensure that the promoter is properly licensed under this chapter.
 50.18 The promoter must maintain proper licensure from the time the promoter schedules a
 50.19 combative sport contest through the date of the contest.

50.20 Subd. 3. **Discretion.** Nothing in this section limits the commissioner's discretion in
 50.21 deciding whether to approve a combative sport contest or event.

50.22 **Sec. 12. [341.324] AMBULANCE.**

50.23 A promoter must ensure, at the cost of the promoter, that an ambulance and two
 50.24 emergency medical technicians are on the premises during a combative sport contest.

50.25 **Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.33, is amended to read:**

50.26 **341.33 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED; FEES.**

50.27 **Subdivision 1. Examination by physician.** All combatants must be examined by a
 50.28 physician licensed by this state within 36 hours before entering the ring, and the examining
 50.29 physician shall immediately file with the commissioner a written report of the examination.
 50.30 Each female combatant shall take and submit a negative pregnancy test as part of the
 50.31 examination. The physician's examination may report on the condition of the combatant's
 50.32 heart and general physical and general neurological condition. The physician's report may

51.1 record the condition of the combatant's nervous system and brain as required by the
 51.2 commissioner. The physician may prohibit the combatant from entering the ring if, in the
 51.3 physician's professional opinion, it is in the best interest of the combatant's health. The cost
 51.4 of the examination is payable by the promoter conducting the contest or exhibition.

51.5 Subd. 2. **Attendance of physician.** A promoter holding or sponsoring a combative sport
 51.6 contest shall have in attendance a physician licensed by ~~this~~ the state of Minnesota. ~~The~~
 51.7 ~~commissioner may establish a schedule of fees to be paid to each attending physician by~~
 51.8 ~~the promoter holding or sponsoring the contest.~~

51.9 Sec. 14. **[341.345] CHALLENGING THE OUTCOME OF A COMBATIVE SPORT**
 51.10 **CONTEST.**

51.11 Subdivision 1. **Challenge.** (a) If a combatant disagrees with the outcome of a combative
 51.12 sport contest regulated by the Department of Labor and Industry in which the combatant
 51.13 participated, the combatant may challenge the outcome.

51.14 (b) If a third party makes a challenge on behalf of a combatant, the third party must
 51.15 provide written confirmation that they are authorized to make the challenge on behalf of
 51.16 the combatant. The written confirmation must contain the combatant's signature and must
 51.17 be submitted with the challenge.

51.18 Subd. 2. **Form.** A challenge must be submitted on a form prescribed by the commissioner,
 51.19 set forth all relevant facts and the basis for the challenge, and state what remedy is being
 51.20 sought. A combatant may submit photos, videos, documents, or any other evidence the
 51.21 combatant would like the commissioner to consider in connection to the challenge. A
 51.22 combatant may challenge the outcome of a contest only if it is alleged that:

51.23 (1) the referee made an incorrect call or missed a rule violation that directly affected the
 51.24 outcome of the contest;

51.25 (2) there was collusion amongst officials to affect the outcome of the contest; or

51.26 (3) scores were miscalculated.

51.27 Subd. 3. **Timing.** (a) A challenge must be submitted within ten days of the contest.

51.28 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, the day of the contest shall not count toward the
 51.29 ten-day period. If the tenth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then a combatant
 51.30 shall have until the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday to submit a
 51.31 challenge.

52.1 (c) The challenge must be submitted to the commissioner at the address, fax number, or
52.2 e-mail address designated on the commissioner's website. The date on which a challenge
52.3 is submitted by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the challenge is
52.4 mailed. If the challenge is faxed or e-mailed, it must be received by the commissioner by
52.5 4:30 p.m. central time on the day the challenge is due.

52.6 Subd. 4. **Opponent's response.** If the requirements of subdivisions 1 to 3 are met, the
52.7 commissioner shall send a complete copy of the challenge documents, along with any
52.8 supporting materials submitted, to the opposing combatant by mail, fax, or e-mail. The
52.9 opposing combatant shall have 14 days from the date the commissioner sends the challenge
52.10 and supporting materials to submit a response to the commissioner. Additional response
52.11 time is not added when the commissioner sends the challenge to the opposing combatant
52.12 by mail. The opposing combatant may submit photos, videos, documents, or any other
52.13 evidence the opposing combatant would like the commissioner to consider in connection
52.14 to the challenge. The response must be submitted to the commissioner at the address, fax
52.15 number, or e-mail address designated on the commissioner's website. The date on which a
52.16 response is submitted by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the
52.17 response is mailed. If the response is faxed or e-mailed, it must be received by the
52.18 commissioner by 4:30 p.m. central time on the day the response is due.

52.19 Subd. 5. **Licensed official review.** The commissioner may, if the commissioner
52.20 determines it would be helpful in resolving the issues raised in the challenge, send a complete
52.21 copy of the challenge or response, along with any supporting materials submitted, to any
52.22 licensed official involved in the combative sport contest at issue by mail, fax, or e-mail and
52.23 request their views on the issues raised in the challenge.

52.24 Subd. 6. **Order.** The commissioner shall issue an order on the challenge within 60 days
52.25 after receiving the opposing combatant's response. If the opposing combatant does not
52.26 submit a response, the commissioner shall issue an order on the challenge within 75 days
52.27 after receiving the challenge.

52.28 Subd. 7. **Nonacceptance.** If the requirements of subdivisions 1 to 3 are not met, the
52.29 commissioner must not accept the challenge and may send correspondence to the person
52.30 who submitted the challenge stating the reasons for nonacceptance of the challenge. A
52.31 combatant has no further appeal rights if the combatant's challenge is not accepted by the
52.32 commissioner.

53.1 Subd. 8. **Administrative hearing.** After the commissioner issues an order under
 53.2 subdivision 6, each combatant, under section 326B.082, subdivision 8, has 30 days after
 53.3 service of the order to submit a request for hearing before an administrative law judge.

53.4 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 341.355, is amended to read:

53.5 **341.355 CIVIL PENALTIES.**

53.6 When the commissioner finds that a person has violated one or more provisions of any
 53.7 statute, rule, or order that the commissioner is empowered to regulate, enforce, or issue, the
 53.8 commissioner may impose, for each violation, a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each
 53.9 violation, or a civil penalty that deprives the person of any economic advantage gained by
 53.10 the violation, or both. The commissioner may also impose these penalties against a person
 53.11 who has violated section 341.28, subdivision 4, paragraph (b) or (c).

53.12 **ARTICLE 5**

53.13 **LABOR AND INDUSTRY POLICY AND TECHNICAL**

53.14 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 178.11, is amended to read:

53.15 **178.11 LABOR EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

53.16 The commissioner shall establish the labor education advancement grant program for
 53.17 the purpose of facilitating the participation or retention of ~~minorities~~ people of color,
 53.18 Indigenous people, and women in apprenticeable trades and occupations. The commissioner
 53.19 shall award grants to community-based and nonprofit organizations and Minnesota Tribal
 53.20 governments as defined in section 10.65, serving the targeted populations on a competitive
 53.21 request-for-proposal basis. Interested organizations shall apply for the grants in a form
 53.22 prescribed by the commissioner. As part of the application process, applicants must provide
 53.23 a statement of need for the grant, a description of the targeted population and apprenticeship
 53.24 opportunities, a description of activities to be funded by the grant, evidence supporting the
 53.25 ability to deliver services, information related to coordinating grant activities with other
 53.26 employment and learning programs, identification of matching funds, a budget, and
 53.27 performance objectives. Each submitted application shall be evaluated for completeness
 53.28 and effectiveness of the proposed grant activity.

53.29 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.106, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

53.30 Subd. 4. **Special requirements.** (a) **Space for commuter vans.** The code must require
 53.31 that any parking ramp or other parking facility constructed in accordance with the code
 53.32 include an appropriate number of spaces suitable for the parking of motor vehicles having

54.1 a capacity of seven to 16 persons and which are principally used to provide prearranged
54.2 commuter transportation of employees to or from their place of employment or to or from
54.3 a transit stop authorized by a local transit authority.

54.4 (b) **Smoke detection devices.** The code must require that all dwellings, lodging houses,
54.5 apartment houses, and hotels as defined in section 299F.362 comply with the provisions of
54.6 section 299F.362.

54.7 (c) **Doors in nursing homes and hospitals.** The State Building Code may not require
54.8 that each door entering a sleeping or patient's room from a corridor in a nursing home or
54.9 hospital with an approved complete standard automatic fire extinguishing system be
54.10 constructed or maintained as self-closing or automatically closing.

54.11 (d) **Child care facilities in churches; ground level exit.** A licensed day care center
54.12 serving fewer than 30 preschool age persons and which is located in a belowground space
54.13 in a church building is exempt from the State Building Code requirement for a ground level
54.14 exit when the center has more than two stairways to the ground level and its exit.

54.15 (e) **Family and group family day care.** Until the legislature enacts legislation specifying
54.16 appropriate standards, the definition of dwellings constructed in accordance with the
54.17 International Residential Code as adopted as part of the State Building Code applies to
54.18 family and group family day care homes licensed by the Department of Human Services
54.19 under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502.

54.20 (f) **Enclosed stairways.** No provision of the code or any appendix chapter of the code
54.21 may require stairways of existing multiple dwelling buildings of two stories or less to be
54.22 enclosed.

54.23 (g) **Double cylinder dead bolt locks.** No provision of the code or appendix chapter of
54.24 the code may prohibit double cylinder dead bolt locks in existing single-family homes,
54.25 townhouses, and first floor duplexes used exclusively as a residential dwelling. Any
54.26 recommendation or promotion of double cylinder dead bolt locks must include a warning
54.27 about their potential fire danger and procedures to minimize the danger.

54.28 (h) **Relocated residential buildings.** A residential building relocated within or into a
54.29 political subdivision of the state need not comply with the State Energy Code or section
54.30 326B.439 provided that, where available, an energy audit is conducted on the relocated
54.31 building.

55.1 (i) **Automatic garage door opening systems.** The code must require all residential
55.2 buildings as defined in section 325F.82 to comply with the provisions of sections 325F.82
55.3 and 325F.83.

55.4 (j) **Exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies.** The code must permit the decking
55.5 surface and upper portions of exterior wood decks, patios, and balconies to be constructed
55.6 of (1) heartwood from species of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites,
55.7 including redwood and cedars, (2) grades of lumber which contain sapwood from species
55.8 of wood having natural resistance to decay or termites, including redwood and cedars, or
55.9 (3) treated wood. The species and grades of wood products used to construct the decking
55.10 surface and upper portions of exterior decks, patios, and balconies must be made available
55.11 to the building official on request before final construction approval.

55.12 (k) **Bioprocess piping and equipment.** No permit fee for bioprocess piping may be
55.13 imposed by municipalities under the State Building Code, except as required under section
55.14 326B.92 subdivision 1. Permits for bioprocess piping shall be according to section 326B.92
55.15 administered by the Department of Labor and Industry. All data regarding the material
55.16 production processes, including the bioprocess system's structural design and layout, are
55.17 nonpublic data as provided by section 13.7911.

55.18 (l) **Use of ungraded lumber.** The code must allow the use of ungraded lumber in
55.19 geographic areas of the state where the code did not generally apply as of April 1, 2008, to
55.20 the same extent that ungraded lumber could be used in that area before April 1, 2008.

55.21 (m) **Window cleaning safety.** ~~The code must require the installation of dedicated~~
55.22 ~~anchorages for the purpose of suspended window cleaning on (1) new buildings four stories~~
55.23 ~~or greater; and (2) buildings four stories or greater, only on those areas undergoing~~
55.24 ~~reconstruction, alteration, or repair that includes the exposure of primary structural~~
55.25 ~~components of the roof. The commissioner shall adopt rules, using the expedited rulemaking~~
55.26 process in section 14.389 requiring window cleaning safety features that comply with a
55.27 nationally recognized standard as part of the State Building Code. Window cleaning safety
55.28 features shall be provided for all windows on:

55.29 (1) new buildings where determined by the code; and

55.30 (2) existing buildings undergoing alterations where both of the following conditions are
55.31 met:

55.32 (i) the windows do not currently have safe window cleaning features; and

55.33 (ii) the proposed work area being altered can include provisions for safe window cleaning.

56.1 ~~The commissioner may waive all or a portion of the requirements of this paragraph~~
 56.2 ~~related to reconstruction, alteration, or repair, if the installation of dedicated anchorages~~
 56.3 ~~would not result in significant safety improvements due to limits on the size of the project,~~
 56.4 ~~or other factors as determined by the commissioner.~~

56.5 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 326B.153, subdivision 1, is amended
 56.6 to read:

56.7 Subdivision 1. **Building permits.** (a) Fees for building permits submitted as required
 56.8 in section 326B.107 include:

56.9 (1) the fee as set forth in the fee schedule in paragraph (b) or as adopted by a municipality;
 56.10 and

56.11 (2) the surcharge required by section 326B.148.

56.12 (b) The total valuation and fee schedule is:

56.13 (1) \$1 to \$500, ~~\$29.50~~ \$21;

56.14 (2) \$501 to \$2,000, ~~\$28~~ \$21 for the first \$500 plus ~~\$3.70~~ \$2.75 for each additional \$100
 56.15 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000;

56.16 (3) \$2,001 to \$25,000, ~~\$83.50~~ \$62.25 for the first \$2,000 plus ~~\$16.55~~ \$12.50 for each
 56.17 additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000;

56.18 (4) \$25,001 to \$50,000, ~~\$464.15~~ \$349.75 for the first \$25,000 plus ~~\$12~~ \$9 for each
 56.19 additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000;

56.20 (5) \$50,001 to \$100,000, ~~\$764.15~~ \$574.75 for the first \$50,000 plus ~~\$8.45~~ \$6.25 for
 56.21 each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000;

56.22 (6) \$100,001 to \$500,000, ~~\$1,186.65~~ \$887.25 for the first \$100,000 plus ~~\$6.75~~ \$5 for
 56.23 each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000;

56.24 (7) \$500,001 to \$1,000,000, ~~\$3,886.65~~ \$2,887.25 for the first \$500,000 plus ~~\$5.50~~ \$4.25
 56.25 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000; and

56.26 (8) \$1,000,001 and up, ~~\$6,636.65~~ \$5,012.25 for the first \$1,000,000 plus ~~\$4.50~~ \$2.75
 56.27 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

56.28 (c) Other inspections and fees are:

56.29 (1) inspections outside of normal business hours (minimum charge two hours), \$63.25
 56.30 per hour;

57.1 (2) reinspection fees, \$63.25 per hour;

57.2 (3) inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge one-half
57.3 hour), \$63.25 per hour; and

57.4 (4) additional plan review required by changes, additions, or revisions to approved plans
57.5 (minimum charge one-half hour), \$63.25 per hour.

57.6 (d) If the actual hourly cost to the jurisdiction under paragraph (c) is greater than \$63.25,
57.7 then the greater rate shall be paid. Hourly cost includes supervision, overhead, equipment,
57.8 hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

57.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from October 1, 2021, and
57.10 the amendments to it expire October 1, 2023.

57.11 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

57.12 Subd. 5. **Elevator.** As used in this chapter, "elevator" means moving walks and vertical
57.13 transportation devices such as escalators, passenger elevators, freight elevators, dumbwaiters,
57.14 hand-powered elevators, endless belt lifts, and ~~wheelchair~~ platform lifts. Elevator does not
57.15 include external temporary material lifts or temporary construction personnel elevators at
57.16 sites of construction of new or remodeled buildings.

57.17 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.163, is amended by adding a subdivision
57.18 to read:

57.19 Subd. 5a. **Platform lift.** As used in this chapter, "platform lift" means a powered hoisting
57.20 and lowering device designed to transport mobility-impaired persons on a guided platform.

57.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.164, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

57.22 Subd. 13. **Exemption from licensing.** (a) Employees of a licensed elevator contractor
57.23 or licensed limited elevator contractor are not required to hold or obtain a license under this
57.24 section or be provided with direct supervision by a licensed master elevator constructor,
57.25 licensed limited master elevator constructor, licensed elevator constructor, or licensed limited
57.26 elevator constructor to install, maintain, or repair platform lifts and stairway chairlifts.
57.27 Unlicensed employees performing elevator work under this exemption must comply with
57.28 subdivision 5. This exemption does not include the installation, maintenance, repair, or
57.29 replacement of electrical wiring for elevator equipment.

57.30 (b) Contractors or individuals shall not be required to hold or obtain a license under this
57.31 section when performing work on:

58.1 (1) conveyors, including vertical reciprocating conveyors;

58.2 (2) platform lifts not covered under section 326B.163, subdivision 5a; or

58.3 (3) dock levelers.

58.4 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.36, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

58.5 Subd. 7. **Exemptions from inspections.** Installations, materials, or equipment shall not
58.6 be subject to inspection under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399:

58.7 (1) when owned or leased, operated and maintained by any employer whose maintenance
58.8 electricians are exempt from licensing under sections 326B.31 to 326B.399, while performing
58.9 electrical maintenance work only as defined by rule;

58.10 (2) when owned or leased, and operated and maintained by any electrical,
58.11 communications, or railway utility, cable communications company as defined in section
58.12 238.02, or telephone company as defined under section 237.01, in the exercise of its utility,
58.13 antenna, or telephone function; and

58.14 (i) are used exclusively for the generations, transformation, distribution, transmission,
58.15 load control, or metering of electric current, or the operation of railway signals, or the
58.16 transmission of intelligence, and do not have as a principal function the consumption or use
58.17 of electric current by or for the benefit of any person other than such utility, cable
58.18 communications company, or telephone company; and

58.19 (ii) are generally accessible only to employees of such utility, cable communications
58.20 company, or telephone company or persons acting under its control or direction; and

58.21 (iii) are not on the load side of the service point or point of entrance for communication
58.22 systems;

58.23 (3) when used in the street lighting operations of an electrical utility;

58.24 (4) when used as outdoor area lights which are owned and operated by an electrical
58.25 utility and which are connected directly to its distribution system and located upon the
58.26 utility's distribution poles, and which are generally accessible only to employees of such
58.27 utility or persons acting under its control or direction;

58.28 (5) when the installation, material, and equipment are in facilities subject to the
58.29 jurisdiction of the federal Mine Safety and Health Act; or

58.30 (6) when the installation, material, and equipment is part of an elevator installation for
58.31 which the elevator contractor, licensed under section 326B.164, is required to obtain a permit

59.1 from the authority having jurisdiction as provided by section 326B.184, and the inspection
59.2 has been or will be performed by an elevator inspector certified and licensed by the
59.3 department. This exemption shall apply only to installations, material, and equipment
59.4 permitted or required to be connected on the load side of the disconnecting means required
59.5 for elevator equipment under National Electrical Code Article 620, and elevator
59.6 communications and alarm systems within the machine room, car, hoistway, or elevator
59.7 lobby.

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

59.9 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.36, is amended by adding a subdivision to
59.10 read:

59.11 **Subd. 8. Electric utility exemptions; additional requirements.** For exemptions to
59.12 inspections exclusively for load control allowed for electrical utilities under subdivision 7,
59.13 clause (2), item (i), the exempted work must be:

59.14 (1) performed by a class A electrical contractor licensed under section 326B.33;

59.15 (2) for replacement or repair of existing equipment for an electric utility other than a
59.16 public utility as defined in section 216B.02, subdivision 4, only; and

59.17 (3) completed on or before December 31, 2030.

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

59.19 Sec. 9. **LAWS CHAPTER 32 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

59.20 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, Laws 2022, chapter 32, articles 1 and 2,
59.21 sections 1 to 12, are effective the day following final enactment, and Laws 2022, chapter
59.22 32, article 1, section 1, applies to appointments made on or after that date.