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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 2623

04/27/2017 Authored by Thissen The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital investment; appropriating money for New American Centers
1.3 capital and operating purposes; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. NEW AMERICAN CENTERS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Capital project grants. \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the bond
1.7 proceeds fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development to make
1.8 four grants to political subdivisions in areas outside the seven-county metropolitan area to
1.9 acquire real property, predesign, design, construct, renovate, furnish, and equip four New
1.10 American Centers. The centers must be in geographically dispersed locations in the state.
1.11 A political subdivision may apply to the commissioner for a grant at the time, on a form,
1.12 and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. A grantee may enter into a lease or
1.13 management agreement to operate the program in the center, subject to Minnesota Statutes,
1.14 section 16A.695. In addition to any other criteria the commissioner determines necessary
1.15 or useful, the commissioner shall give priority to applications from political subdivisions
1.16 that will provide a nonstate contribution to the project, are located in regions that have a
1.17 demonstrated need for a center based on demographic data, have developed programs
1.18 providing outreach to recent immigrants, and are engaging in new Americans' community
1.19 cultural events.

1.20 Subd. 2. Operations funding. \$..... in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general
1.21 fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to the New
1.22 American Centers to provide a one-stop shop to help recent immigrants access jobs,
1.23 education, health care, and other services, in partnership with local governments, school

2.1 districts, and nonprofits. A New American Center may use other funds to educate the broader  
2.2 public about immigrants and new Americans in their community, to engage in community  
2.3 cultural events, and to conduct research in conjunction with the state demographer and other  
2.4 state agencies. New American Centers are encouraged to work with the ethnic councils  
2.5 established under Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0145, on programming and work.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond  
2.7 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of  
2.8 the state in an amount up to \$20,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
2.9 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
2.10 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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