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OFFICIAL STATUS
Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money to assist individuals with
1.3 disabilities with employment; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MINNESOTA DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES; APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$450,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$450,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the
1.7 workforce development fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development
1.8 for grants to Minnesota Diversified Industries to provide inclusive employment opportunities
1.9 and services for people with disabilities. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.10 Sec. 2. **CAREER SKILLS PROGRAMMING; APPROPRIATION.**

1.11 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.12 of employment and economic development for a grant to Minnesota Diversified Industries
1.13 to assist individuals with disabilities through the unified work model by offering virtual,
1.14 online, and in-person career skills classes augmented with virtual reality tools. Minnesota
1.15 Diversified Industries shall submit a report on the number and demographics of individuals
1.16 served, hours of career skills programming delivered, outreach to employers, and
1.17 recommendations for future career skills delivery methods to the chairs and ranking minority
1.18 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over labor and workforce
1.19 development policy and finance by January 15, 2026. This is a onetime appropriation and
1.20 is available until June 30, 2025.