

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state government; establishing principles for allocation and
1.3 expenditure of federal stimulus funds; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. **STATE MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING;**
1.6 **GUIDING PRINCIPLES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Purpose of federal stimulus. Under the federal American Recovery
1.8 and Reinvestment Act, the state is expected to receive approximately \$9,000,000,000 to,
1.9 among other purposes, create and preserve jobs, invest in infrastructure, advance energy
1.10 efficiency and weatherize thousands of homes, invest in science, provide training, and
1.11 assist the unemployed.

1.12 Subd. 2. Guiding principles. (a) Federal stimulus funding shall be allocated and
1.13 distributed as follows:

1.14 (1) the proportion of economically disadvantaged persons hired must represent 25
1.15 percent of the total number of persons hired; and

1.16 (2) contracts awarded to businesses that are majority owned and operated by
1.17 economically disadvantaged persons must represent 15 percent of the total number of
1.18 contracts and subcontracts awarded.

1.19 (b) The state agency or agencies responsible for the allocation and distribution of
1.20 stimulus funding must make affirmative efforts to publicize job and contract opportunities
1.21 to low-income persons, including women and persons of color, and persons between the
1.22 ages of 17 and 24 who have experienced homelessness in the past year or have been in
1.23 foster care after age 15. Efforts must include, but are not limited to:

2.1 (1) the creation of a statewide list of government, nongovernmental, and nonprofit
2.2 organizations representing the interests of low-income persons, including women and
2.3 persons of color;

2.4 (2) the dissemination via e-mail and other means to the statewide list; and

2.5 (3) the cost-effective dissemination via the mass media, including public service
2.6 announcements and radio advertisements.

2.7 Sec. 2. **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION FUNDING;**
2.8 **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

2.9 Subdivision 1. **Recruitment goals.** The state agency or agencies responsible for the
2.10 allocation and distribution of stimulus funding must establish robust numerical goals for
2.11 the recruitment of low-income persons, including women and persons of color, for training
2.12 opportunities. Training opportunities must be publicized in communities experiencing
2.13 disproportionately high rates of unemployment including, but not limited to, low-income,
2.14 rural, and tribal communities. Scholarship opportunities must be made available for
2.15 persons who otherwise would be unable to afford the training.

2.16 Subd. 2. **Use of funds.** In awarding funds to training programs, the state agency or
2.17 agencies responsible for the allocation and distribution of stimulus funding must:

2.18 (1) utilize the full capacity of current training providers including, but not limited
2.19 to, opportunities industrialization centers, skilled trades labor unions, tribal colleges or
2.20 nonprofits working in tribal communities, community action partnerships, and nonprofit
2.21 organizations with historic expertise in energy efficiency; and

2.22 (2) consider new strategic partnerships.

2.23 Sec. 3. **ACTION PLANS; TRACKING.**

2.24 Any state agency responsible for allocating and distributing stimulus funding must
2.25 include a system to track:

2.26 (1) all funds allocated and distributed;

2.27 (2) energy savings caused;

2.28 (3) the number of jobs created;

2.29 (4) the number of proportion of workers hired who are:

2.30 (i) women;

2.31 (ii) persons from low-income communities; and

2.32 (iii) persons of color;

2.33 (5) the wage level of the jobs; and

3.1 (6) the training and recruitment strategies undertaken and the outcomes of those
3.2 strategies.

3.3 Sec. 4. **REPORTING.**

3.4 The state agency or agencies responsible for the allocation and distribution of
3.5 stimulus funding must report findings and analysis of the data quarterly, beginning three
3.6 months following the initial distribution of the stimulus funding, to the chairs of the
3.7 committees with jurisdiction over the allocation and distribution of the federal stimulus
3.8 funding, and make the reports accessible to the public.

3.9 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.10 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.