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		Second reading

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to economic development; creating a Telecommuter Forward! certification;
- 1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **[116J.9923] TELECOMMUNICATION FORWARD! CERTIFICATION.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** In this section, "political subdivision" means a city, township,
- 1.7 or county.
- 1.8 Subd. 2. **Certification.** A political subdivision may apply to the commissioner of
- 1.9 employment and economic development for certification as a Telecommuter Forward!
- 1.10 Community. The commissioner of employment and economic development shall prescribe
- 1.11 the form and manner for making an application. Before approving an application, the
- 1.12 commissioner shall consider the application and the information in subdivision 3.
- 1.13 Subd. 3. **Resolution.** In addition to the application in subdivision 2, a political subdivision
- 1.14 must adopt a resolution that does both of the following:
- 1.15 (1) states the political subdivision's support and commitment to promote the availability
- 1.16 of telecommuting options; and
- 1.17 (2) provides for a single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities
- 1.18 that has all of the following responsibilities:
- 1.19 (i) coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic
- 1.20 development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders;

- 2.1 (ii) collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and
2.2 market telecommuter-capable broadband packages;
- 2.3 (iii) communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development
2.4 professionals to develop common goals;
- 2.5 (iv) promotion of telecommuter-friendly work spaces, such as business incubators with
2.6 telecommuting spaces, if such a work space has been established in the political subdivision
2.7 at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution;
- 2.8 (v) familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources;
- 2.9 (vi) maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office; and
- 2.10 (vii) making regular reports to the governing body of the political subdivision.