

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money to WomenVenture to  
1.3 establish a women food entrepreneurs business expansion program.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WOMENVENTURE, WOMEN FOOD**  
1.6 **ENTREPRENEURS BUSINESS EXPANSION.**

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of employment and economic development for a grant WomenVenture to support business  
1.9 expansion for women food entrepreneurs to help stabilize and strengthen their business  
1.10 operations to create networks, offer technical assistance, provide regional trainings, and  
1.11 support beginning women food entrepreneurs to develop business plans, develop a workforce,  
1.12 research expansion strategies and related activities. Of this amount, up to ten percent may  
1.13 be used for the WomenVenture's technical assistance and administrative costs.