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S.F. No. 1084 – Emerging developer fund program

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Section 1. [§ 116J.9926] **Emerging developer fund program.** Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** Provides definitions of terms used in this section for the program, including "eligible project," "emerging developer," and "low-income person."

Subdivision 2. **Establishment.** Directs the commissioner of employment and economic development to establish the emerging developer fund program to provide loans for eligible projects that will improve neighborhoods statewide and promote economic development and job creation and retention in Minnesota.

Subdivision 3. **Loan program.** Specifies that the types of loans that may be offered for eligible projects through the program include predevelopment, construction, and bridge loans. Caps predevelopment loans at $50,000 and all other types of loans at $500,000. Sets terms for loans of no less than six months and not more than five years. Provides that loans must be zero or a low interest rate. Provides additional specifications for loan terms. Requires loan repayments to be paid into the emerging developer fund account.

Subdivision 4. **Eligible expenses.** Lists eligible expenses for predevelopment loans and construction or bridge loans.

Subdivision 5. **Emerging developer fund account.** Creates an emerging developer fund account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury.

Subdivision 6. **Reports to the legislature.** Requires the commissioner to submit an annual report to the legislature on loans made under the program.

Section 2. **Appropriation**. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund for the commissioner of employment and economic development for deposit in the emerging developer fund account. Allows up to five percent of the appropriation to be used for administrative costs of the program.