



# Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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## **Agenda:**

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. S.F. 1261 – Maye Quade: Recommendations adoption of the Advisory Task force on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities**

Testifiers:

- Trevor Turner, Public Policy Director, MN Council on Disability

### **3. S.F. 1528 – Hawj: YMCA of the North grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Enrique Rebolledo, Director, Career Pathways YMCA of the North Kudu
- Jaafaru, Spring 2022 intern
- Ethan Balikalaba, Summer 2022 intern

### **4. S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Mayor Pat Baustian, City of Luverne (zoom)
- Mayor Bob Byrnes, City of Marshall (zoom)
- Scott Marquardt, President of the Southwest Initiative Foundation
- Erik Simonson, Lobbyist, SW MN Mayors Council

### **5. S.F. 1583 – Mohamed: American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center appropriation**

Testifier:

- Joe Hobot, President/CEO of AIOIC

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**6. S.F. 360 – Mohamed: Office of New Americans creation**

Testifiers:

- Michelle Rivero, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, City of Minneapolis
- Henry Jimenez, Director of Latino Economic Development Center
- Abdiwahab Mohamed, Assistant Commissioner, DEED

**7. S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development, Inc.
- Phil Sayles, Human Resource Manager, Viracon, and Vice Chair of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Board
- Matt Beck, Steele County Young Adult Participant
- Dale Tracy, Director of Operations and Application Engineer, Advanced Coil Technology

**8. S.F. 646 – Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder**

Testifier:

- Sally Mixon, Founder, Abijah's on the Backside
- Angela Borchardt, Client, Abijah's on the Backside

**9. S.F. 1409 – Champion: FATHER Project grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Guy Bowling, Father Project Senior Manager, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota
- Ben Warner, Career Specialist, Family Service Rochester

**10. Adjournment**