



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, March 13th, 2023

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 1812 - Maye Quade: GiveMN grant appropriation.

Testifier:

- Jake Blumberg, Executive Director, GiveMN

3. S.F. 1696 - Fateh: Community wealth-building grant program creation

Testifiers:

- Elena Gaarder, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers
- Jamar Smith, Director, Northside Investment Cooperative Enterprise

4. S.F. 1794 - Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Tourism appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Sarah Psick, Minnesota Tourism Growth Coalition
- Melvin Tennent, Meet Minneapolis
- Rachel Thompson, Visit Greater St. Cloud (zoom)
- Aimee Osborne, Lakewood Lodge, Big Sandy Lake; Community of Minnesota Resorts
- Jill Sims, Director of Government Relations, Hospitality Minnesota

5. S.F. 1741 - Pappas: African Economic Development Solutions appropriation for building construction

Testifiers:

- Dr. Gene Gelgelu, President and CEO, African Economic Development Solutions
- Lisa Kugler, Consultant

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6. S.F. 1987 - Pappas: African Economic Development Solutions appropriation for a loan fund

Testifiers:

- Idris Mohamed, Director of Business Development and Housing, African Economic Development Solutions
- Willemetta Kennedy, Business Owner, Harvest African Market
- Firaoli Usha, Business Owner, Twin Cities Mobilities
- Muhim Adbi, Business Owner, Muhim's Cafe

7. S.F. 2035 - Hawj: Latino Economic Development Center grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Henry Jiménez, Executive Director and President, Latino Economic Development Center

9. S.F. 2185 - Nelson: Rural economic development technical assistance grants appropriation Testifiers:

- Chris Giesen, Vice President, Government Relations, Community and Economic Development Associates
- Ron Zeigler, CEO, Community and Economic Development Associates

10. Adjournment