



# Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

5:30pm

MSB 1100

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## **Agenda:**

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

### **2. S.F. 2783 - Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Aaron Zimmerman, Executive Director, PFund Foundation
- Rebecca Waggoner, Executive Director, Quorum Belo
- Miguel Cipriani, Ed.D., Founder, Oleb Media

### **3. S.F. 2865 - Oumou Verbeten: Redemption Project appropriation for workforce development services for adults leaving incarceration**

Testifiers:

- Tim Owens, Co-Founder of The Redemption Project
- Tom Pippitt, went through The Redemption Project programming

### **4. S.F. 2452 - Boldon: Southeast Minnesota health care simulation training center appropriation**

Testifier:

- Julie Nigon, Executive Director of Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC)

**AGENDA CONTINUED ON  
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**5. S.F. 2784 - Green: Remote recreational businesses forgivable loan program modification**

Testifiers: (A-1 Amendment)

- Ed Arnesen, Commissioner, Lake of the Woods County
- Joe Henry, Executive Director, Lake of the Woods Tourism

**6. S.F. 1779 - Mohamed: Grants appropriation to programs to provide employment support services to persons with mental illness**

Testifiers:

- Robert Reedy, Senior Director of Vocational Services, Rise Inc.
- Danial Dooley, Rise Inc.

**7. S.F. 2235 - Mohamed: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation.**

Testifiers:

- Terra Mayfield, Vice President of Programs, EMERGE Minnesota
- Larcell Mack, Re-entry program manager, EMERGE Minnesota

**8. S.F. 2793 - Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Emily Hunt Turner, Founder & CEO, All Square Minneapolis
- Onika Goodluck, Fellowship Director, All Square Minneapolis
- Maya Johnson, Prison to Law Pipeline Director, All Square Minneapolis

**9. S.F. 2665 - Putnam: Small business growth acceleration appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Lynn Shelton, Vice President, Enterprise Minnesota
- Doug Von Arb, President, Blow Molded Specialties (zoom)

**10. S.F. 1998 - Champion: Project for Pride in Living appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Antonio Cardona, VP of Career Readiness, Project for Pride in Living
- Antonio (Tony) Carnell, Diploma Connect student, Project for Pride in Living

**11. S.F. 2632 - Champion: MNSBIR grant to secure research and development funding appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Pat Dillon, CDR, USN (Ret), President, MNSBIR, Inc
- Dr. Tim Childs, CEO, TLC Precision

**12. S.F. 2970 - Champion: Appropriation provision for grants to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment and social equity building**

Testifiers:

- Reverend Jerry McAfee, Founder & CEO, Salem Inc.
- Lisa Clemmons, Founder & CEO, A Mother's Love Founder/CEO

**13. Adjournment**