



# Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

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12:30pm

MSB 1100

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## **Agenda:**

### **1. Call To Order**

### **2. S.F. 4182 - Fateh: Community wealth-building grant program pilot project modifications and appropriations**

#### Testifiers:

- Electra Skrzydlewski, Director of Shared Ownership, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (Via Zoom)

### **3. S.F. 4401 - Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth grant appropriation**

Amendment: scs4401a-1

#### Testifier:

- Andrew Peterson, Executive Director, FilmNorth

### **4. S.F. 4816 – Dornink: Meat-cutting and butchery training grants appropriations**

#### Testifiers:

- Eric Sawatzke, MN Association of Agricultural Educators (Via Zoom)
- Stu Lourey, MN Farmers Union

### **5. S.F. 3167 – Mohamed: Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation**

#### Testifiers:

- Jim Terrell, Co-Founder & President, Fortis Capital

### **6. S.F. 4914 - Hawj: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation**

Amendment: scs4914a-2

#### Testifiers:

- ThaoMee Xiong (she/her), Executive & Network Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL)
- Kab Xiong, Small Business Owner

**7. S.F. 4609 - Hauschild: Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Shawn Wellnitz, CEO of the Entrepreneur Fund
- Jessica Lietz, Owner, Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill (via Zoom)

**8. S.F. 4869 - Champion: InspireMSP grant appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Dan Ryan, Inspire MSP

**9. Adjournment**