

1.1 **Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 4742:** A bill for an act relating to labor; requiring safety standards for broadband  
1.3 industry installers; implementing the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 116J.395, subdivision 6; 216B.17, by adding  
1.5 a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 181.

1.6 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.7 Page 2, line 13, after "of" insert "the total" and delete "grants" and insert "grant funds"

1.8 Page 2, line 14, delete "commit" and insert "agree" and delete "implementing" and insert  
1.9 "implement"

1.10 Page 2, line 15, delete "industry"

1.11 Page 2, after line 18, insert:

1.12 "The applicant's agreement to implement the workforce best practices as defined in paragraph  
1.13 (e) must be an express condition of providing the grant in the grant agreement."

1.14 Page 2, line 20, after "practices" insert "only"

1.15 Page 2, delete lines 21 to 30 and insert:

1.16 "(1) there is credible evidence of support for the application and the applicant's workforce  
1.17 needs on the project for which the grant is provided from one or more labor,  
1.18 labor-management, or other workforce organizations that have a track record of representing  
1.19 and advocating for workers or recruiting, training, and securing employment for people of  
1.20 color, Indigenous people, or women in the construction industry; and

1.21 "(2) all laborers and mechanics performing construction, installation, remodeling, or  
1.22 repairs on the project sites for which the grant is provided:

1.23 "(i) are paid the prevailing wage rate as defined in section 177.42, subdivision 6, and the  
1.24 applicant and all of its construction contractors and subcontractors agree that the payment  
1.25 of prevailing wage to such laborers and mechanics is subject to the requirements and  
1.26 enforcement provisions under sections 177.27, 177.30, 177.32, 177.41 to 177.435, and  
1.27 177.45, which the commissioner of labor and industry shall have the authority to enforce;  
1.28 or

1.29 "(ii) receive from their employer:

1.30 "(A) at least 80 hours of skills training annually, of which at least 40 hours must consist  
1.31 of hands-on instruction;

1.32 "(B) employer-paid family health insurance coverage; and

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(C) employer-paid retirement benefit payments equal to no less than 15 percent of the

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employee's total taxable wages."

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Page 3, delete lines 1 to 7

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Page 3, line 10, delete "(4)" and insert "(1)"

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Page 3, line 32, after "shall" insert a comma and after "together" insert "with points

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awarded for labor law compliance,"

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Page 6, line 6, delete "developed" and insert "approved"


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And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Energy,

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Utilities, Environment, and Climate. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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(Committee Chair)

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March 14, 2024.....

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(Date of Committee recommendation)