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02/03/2025	263	Introduction and first reading Referred to Human Services

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to human services; establishing a disability inclusion pilot project;

1.3appropriating money.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. APPROPRIATION; DISABILITY INCLUSION PILOT PROJECT.

1.6(a) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the

1.7commissioner of human services for a payment to Lifeworks Services, Inc., for a statewide

1.8disability inclusion pilot project. The pilot project must:

1.9(1) persuade employers to diversify their workforces by hiring people with disabilities;

1.10(2) educate businesses on the economic benefits of inclusive employment and provide

1.11coaching on affordable accommodations;

1.12(3) educate Minnesotans with disabilities and their families on navigating services and

1.13achieving inclusion in both work and community settings;

1.14(4) build capacity and support for culturally specific services by rural, Black, Indigenous,

1.15or People of Color entrepreneurs;

1.16(5) pilot community-requested support services;

1.17(6) invest in safe community-focused spaces to host trainings and requested support

1.18services; and

1.19(7) launch a statewide disability inclusion assessment for businesses and community

1.20spaces to improve accessibility and inclusion.

- 2.1 (b) The pilot project must reach all six Minnesota planning areas to ensure equal access
- 2.2 to the pilot project activities in rural and Tribal regions. This is a onetime appropriation.