



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, February 10, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F818 Fateh, Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Derrick Spencer, Executive Director, Block Builders Foundation.
- Amirah Watkins, Head Instructor, Block Builders Foundation
- Rory Purnell, Program Coordinator, Block Builders Foundation
- Ebony Sampson, Financial Literacy coach, Block Builders Foundation

3. S.F927 Pappas, Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- May Yer Thao, President and CEO, Hmong American Partnership
- Mo Chang, Owner, Mo's Tropical Whole

4. S.F670 Mohamed, Employment support services programs for people with mental illness grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Robert Reedy, IPS Provider Representative
- Samantha Manthe, IPS Client
- Sarah Knispel, Public Policy Coordinator, NAMI-MN

5. S.F591 Champion, FATHER Project grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Andrew Freeberg, Director of Family Stability Programs, FATHER Project
- Jason Tucker, FATHER Project Participant (Alum)
- Bo Njoroge, Family Service Rochester

6. S.F648 Koran, FATHER Project grant appropriation

7. S.F798 Champion, Hired grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Julie Brekke, President & CEO, Hired

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- Bill Shepherd, Senior Distribution Supervisor, Medtronic

8. S.F869 Putnam, Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriation

Testifiers:

- Jackie Johnson, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters Central MN
- Princess Awa-Ada Kisob, Former Little & Vice President of Programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities
- Pat Sukhum, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities

9. Adjourned