



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. DEED Hearing on UI Trust Fund

Testifiers:

- Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, DEED

3. S.F661 Gustafson, Pilot program creation for provision of information technology assistance for small businesses.

4. S.F799 Gustafson, Displaced homemaker programs appropriation

Testifiers:

- Jean Keenan, Executive Director, Life-Work Planning Center (MFRP Provider)
- Kimberly Pilgrim, META-5 (MFRP Provider)

5. S.F901 Pratt, Grant appropriation to provide equine-experiential mental health therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Testifiers:

- Sally Jane Mixon, Founder and CEO, Abijah's On The Backside
- Nick Jacobson, Parole Officer
- Andrew Duerr, MN Horsemen's Benevolent and Protection Association
- Mariam Egal

6. S.F922 Hawj, Latino Economic Development Center grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Alma Flores, Executive Director, Latino Economic Development Center

7. S.F1079 Mohamed, Jobs Foundation grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Heather Walch, CEO, Repowered Shane Pierson, Work Readiness Trainee
- Liz Tratnik, Project Coordinator V/Manufacturing Support, Medtronic

8. Adjourned

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