



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, March 10, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F1919 Hawj, New American workforce training appropriation

Testifiers:

- Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota
- Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota

3. S.F2050 Nelson, Rural economic development technical assistance grants appropriation

Testifiers:

- Amy Schaefer, Rural Capacity Program Manager, CEDA
- Julie Lammers, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Vergas (Virtual)
- Beth Wusso, City Administrator and Parkers Prairie Economic Development Authority Secretary/Treasurer, City of Parkers Prairie (Virtual)

4. S.F1932 Champion, Twin Cities RISE performance grants appropriation

Testifiers:

- Emma Corrie, President & CEO, Twin Cities RISE (TCR)
- Quentin Osgood, TCR Program graduate and TCR Outreach Coordinator

5. S.F1933 Champion, Youth job skills and career development appropriation

Testifiers:

- Bryan Donaldson, Executive Director, MN Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Chandra Jackson, Club Director, Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club
- Kengcha Xiong, Boys & Girls Clubs alumni member

6. S.F1934 Champion, African Economic Development Solutions appropriation

Testifiers:

- Dr. Gene Gelgelu, Founder, President & CEO, African Economic Development Solutions
- Falmata Bedasso, Founder & CEO, Frontier Transportation Services, LLC

7. S.F1967 Champion, Change Starts With Community violence prevention jobs program grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Jalilia Abdul-Brown, Executive Director, Change Starts With Community
- Lorenzo Williams, Youth Worker, Change Starts With Community

8. Adjourned

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