



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F2505 Putnam, Gateways2Growth Initiative appropriation to expand training in information technology, transportation, and healthcare across the state. Testifiers:

- Hajah Kabbay, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Gateways2Growth beneficiary
- Abdirizak Mohamed, Recent Software Engineering Graduate, Gateways2Growth beneficiary
- Abdikadir Bashir, Executive Director, CAIRO

3. S.F2295 Mohamed, Twin Cities R!SE for the Empowerment Institute appropriation

Testifiers:

- Emma Corrie, Twin Cities R!SE, President & CEO
- Steve Johnson, LiUNA Local 563 - Metro Dispatcher/ Organizer, Recruiter & Retention AND TCR Empowerment Institute client partner

4. S.F2351 Clark, Workforce innovation and job placement programs for individuals in recovery

Testifiers:

- Abdirahman Warsame, Executive Director, Generation Hope (Virtual)

5. S.F2336 Port, WomenVenture grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- LeeAnn Rasachak, CEO, WomenVenture
- Tiffany Calderon, Xo'XoColati Chocolate

6. S.F2292 Hawj, Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Vanessa Young, Co-Founder, 30,000 Feet
- Robert Clark, Student

7. S.F2301 Hawj, Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Ruby Lee, CEO & President, CLUES
- Jennifer Mendoza, Career Development Navigator & Community Liaison Greater MN-Willmar, CLUES
- Edgar Cruz, Student, 2024 CDL Cohort (Virtual)

8. S.F0993 Champion, Hospitality education grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Noah Rosenberger, ProStart Alumni
- Ava Smith, ProStart Student, Cambridge Isanti
- Lauren Schreder, ProStart Alum & ProStart Advisor Cambridge Isanti
- Hanna Zinn, Director of Government Relations, Hospitality Minnesota

9. S.F2167 Champion, Mind the G.A.P.P. appropriation

Testifiers:

- David E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Mind the GAPP (Virtual)
- Deena Zubulake, Chief Operating Officer, Mind the GAPP

10. Adjourned

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