



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F2684 Rarick, Minnesota Independence College and Community appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism

Testifier:

- Amy Gudmestad, CEO, Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC)

3. S.F2660 Mohamed, Project for Pride in Living appropriation

Testifiers:

- Antonio Cardona, VP of Career Readiness, PPL
- Quentin Wiley, Student

4. S.F2554 Hoffman, Equitable Development Action grant appropriation for training and support of direct support professionals

Testifiers:

- Jude Nnadi CEO, Equitable Development Action
- Bunmi Simpeh, ChezMichael Care LLC

5. S.F2569 Clark, InspireMSP grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Dan Ryan, Executive Director, InspireMSP
- Samantha Alvarado, Student, St. John Paul II Catholic School

6. S.F2465 Pratt, Annual reports requirement on grantee performance by the commissioner of employment and economic development

7. S.F2679 Draheim, Private sector equipment training opportunity program establishment and appropriation

8. S.F2658 Hawj, City of St. Paul Right Track youth program appropriation

Testifiers:

- Nardos Tesfalidet, Right Track Program Supervisor, City of Saint Paul
- Abshir Ali, Former Right Track Intern, City of Saint Paul Resident

9. S.F2726 Hawj, Asian Economic Development Association appropriation

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Testifiers:

- Mai Chang, CEO, Presidential Electric
- JC Lee, Owner/Operator, JR Remodelers

10. Adjourned