

MINNESOTA SENATE

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Schedule for Jobs and Economic Development

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025

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Jobs and Economic Development

Public Notice Date: 2025-03-28 12:40 PM

Chair: [Senator Bobby Joe Champion](#)

Location: *(Hybrid Hearing)* 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Agenda:

Reconvene

[S.F. 3053](#) [Latz](#) Available for suitable employment definition modification

- [SF 3053 Jobs and Economic Development \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bill Summary SF3053 \(PDF\)](#)
- [scs3053a-1 \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 3032](#) [Mohamed](#) Vocational rehabilitation services program appropriation

Testifiers:

Sheenah Jewison MS, CRC; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor;
Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development; MAPE Member
(Virtual)

Chandra Petersen, MS, CRC; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor;
Minnesota

Department of Employment and Economic Development; MAPE Member
(Virtual)

[S.F. 2718](#) [Mohamed](#) Bolder Options for youth programming appropriation

Testifiers:

Darrell Thompson, President & CEO, Bolder Options

Zora McLauren, Program Participant

- [BolderOptions Handout \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bolder Options 990_2023 \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 2520](#) [Hawj](#) City of St. Paul Arcade Street and East 7th Street construction mitigation
grants to businesses affected by construction appropriation

Testifiers:

Darlene LaBelle, Executive Director, East Side Neighborhood Development Company (ESNDC)

Nick Raehsler, Owner, Arcade Laundromat

- [Legislative Proposal_Arcade-7th -Final for Jobs \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 2874](#) [Hawj](#) YMCA of the North grant for workforce development services appropriation

Testifiers:

Enrique Rebolledo, Director, Career Pathways

Faysal Ahmed, Program Participant

- [Career Pathways Infographic 23-24 \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 2811](#) [Gustafson](#) Test and professional licensure preparation services provision and appropriation

Testifiers:

Emmanuel Nwakibu, Senior Counsel & Director of Government Relations, Kaplan

North America

- [scs2811a-2 \(PDF\)](#).
- [SF2811 Letter of Support Big I 3.31.25 \(PDF\)](#).
- [SF2811- MDA Letter of Support \(PDF\)](#).
- [IL All Access Progress One Pager 3.26.2025 \(PDF\)](#).
- [scs2811a-1 \(PDF\)](#).
- [Bill Summary SF2811 \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 2877](#) [Champion](#) Al Maa'uun grant appropriation

Testifier:

Makram El-Amin, CEO & Executive Director, Al-Maa'uun

- [Al-Maa'uun_Credential Employees 2023-2024 \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 2978](#) [Champion](#) Grants appropriation to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment, and social equity building

Testifiers:

Jerry McAfee, Pastor of New Salem Baptist Church and CEO of Salem Inc.

Marlon Moore, Executive Director, Salem Inc.

- [SalemBIFOLDBrochure \(2\) with disclaimer \(PDF\)](#).
- [Pkg. for the Senate \(PDF\)](#).
- [21 DOP 2024 Report \(PDF\)](#).
- [New Salem Inc. \(PDF\)](#).
- [AML Youth Programs \(PDF\)](#).
- [A Mother's Love Initiative Presents \(2\) \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 3088](#) [Champion](#) Pillsbury United Communities grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Cinnamon Pelly, President & CEO, Pillsbury United Communities
Casandra Rojas Hernandez, Dental Hygienist Program Graduate

- [PUC Career Pathways One Pager copy \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 3111](#) [Champion](#) Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers program for
Black Minnesota
undergraduates exploring law school and legal careers appropriation

Testifiers:

Rick Petry, Program Director, Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
(MABL)

Arthur Graham, MABL Pathways Scholar, UMN

- [MABL Pathways - One Pager \(PDF\)](#)

Disinvested Youth Gaming Initiative (DYGI) Presentation

Testifiers:

Hal Reynolds, President & CEO, DYGI

- [DYGI Sponsors One-Pager \(PDF\)](#)
- [DYGI Pitch Deck \(Power Point\)](#)

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Call To Order

PFML Update Hearing

Testifiers:

Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, DEED

Greg Norfleet, Director of Paid Leave, DEED (Virtual)

- [2025 Paid Leave Update - Senate 4.1 \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 2570](#) [Hauschild](#) Community energy transition grant program appropriation

Testifier:

Greg Lerud, City Administrator, City of Becker

- [SF 2570 - CUC Support for CET Grants \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 2948](#) [Putnam](#) OneCommunity Alliance appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Hudda Ibrahim, President & Co-Founder, OneCommunity Alliance

Rachel Anderson, Director of Communications, OneCommunity Alliance

- [Letter of Support from Granite Partners for OneCommunity Alliance \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Support from GDSC for OCA-SF2948 - 2025.docx \(PDF\)](#)
- [Letter of Support from CMCF \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 2949](#) [Putnam](#) Ambassadors of Culture, Hooyo Hour, and United Way grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Hodan Omar, Executive Director, Hooyo Hour Organization

Stefanie Rothstein, Director of Education Partnerships, United Way of Central
MN (Virtual)

[S.F. 2828](#) [Gruenhagen](#) Isuroon microbusinesses support through loans, grants, technical assistance, and a business incubator program appropriation

Testifiers:

Fartun Weli, CEO, Isuroon

Mary Turner, Board Chair, Isuroon

[S.F. 1798](#) [Hawj](#) Neighborhood Development Center grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Shahir Ahmed, Vice President of Business Services, NDC

Dalton Outlaw, CEO, Element Fitness and Outlaw Development

- [NDC Legislative Handout FINAL \(PDF\)](#)
- [NDC 2023-2025 Special Appropriations Budget \(PDF\)](#)
- [2024 Year-End Program Accomplishments \(2\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS \(3\) \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 3085](#) [Draheim](#) Rural Cancer Institute grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Wade Swenson - Medical Oncologist

Dr. Emily McGovern - Medical Oncologist (Virtual)

- [Letters of Support SF3085 \(PDF\)](#)

[S.F. 3177](#) [Mohamed](#) Explore Minnesota duties and missions modification

Testifier:

Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director, Explore MN

- [scs3177a-1 \(PDF\)](#).
- [Bill Summary SF3177 \(PDF\)](#).

[S.F. 2500](#) [Mohamed](#) Somali American Youth Enrichment Club (SAYEC) appropriation

[S.F. 2426](#) [Champion](#) MAD DADS of Minneapolis appropriation for a youth workforce development program

Testifiers:

Jordan Borer Nelson, Executive Director, MAD DADS

Dario Otero, Workforce Development Program Director

- [2025.04.02 SF2426 MAD-DADS_CEEM \(PDF\)](#).
- [wf1_program \(current\) \(PDF\)](#).
- [Program Curriculum chart \(1\) \(PDF\)](#).
- [FAIR \(1\) \(1\) \(PDF\)](#).
- [Form990Package - FINAL \(PDF\)](#).