

February 24, 2022

The Honorable Representative Mohamud Noor Chair, Jobs and Economic Development Finance Division 379 State Office Building St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Senator Eric Pratt Chair, Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy 95 University Avenue W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3219 St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Noor and Senator Pratt,

As required by Minn. Stat. § 116J.0125, please find enclosed the Annual Report of Department Programs and Services to the Minnesota Legislature, for State Fiscal Year 2021.

This report includes a description of the department's programs and services. We publish individual annual program summaries on DEED's website, which provide transparency of what we do, who we serve, and our outcomes with an emphasis on how we are working to achieve equity for all Minnesotans.

For many programs, the pandemic caused program outcomes to look different from prior years. We have included additional information in the program summaries to explain changes in program outcomes. Some programs shifted to different service delivery methods, paused programs, had staff assist other divisions or agencies, or temporarily focused on other tasks to help get Minnesotans through the pandemic.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this report.

Regards,

Steve Grove Commissioner

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