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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1072

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; appropriating money for Somali young adult
1.3 and youth job training.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. SOMALI YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH JOB TRAINING.

1.6 (a) \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 are appropriated
1.7 from the workforce development fund to the commissioner of the Department of Employment
1.8 and Economic Development for a grant to be awarded to a Somali-led nonprofit organization
1.9 that provides for Somali young adult and youth job training and workforce development.
1.10 The purpose of the grant is to provide internship and mentorship opportunities to aid Somali
1.11 youth and young adults to build job skills and create pathways to future private and public
1.12 sector employment.

1.13 (b) The grant recipient must:

1.14 (1) have at least four years of experience in providing job skills training and workforce
1.15 development services to Somali communities;

1.16 (2) be a nonprofit organization that is 100 percent Somali-led, including board
1.17 membership;

1.18 (3) have a history of successful past collaboration with culturally specific job skills
1.19 training and workforce development community initiatives; and

1.20 (4) have an annual budget of at least \$350,000 annually.