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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; creating a green jobs deconstruction pilot
1.3 program; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. GREEN JOBS DECONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
1.7 have the meanings given.

1.8 (b) "Deconstruction" means the planned disassembly of buildings with the purpose
1.9 of harvesting materials for reuse.

1.10 (c) "Green jobs" means employment in a field that promotes the development of a
1.11 "green economy" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.437.

1.12 Subd. 2. Purpose. The purpose of the green jobs deconstruction pilot program is
1.13 to create new, green jobs in building deconstruction, reduce the amount of construction
1.14 and demolition waste being sent to landfills, and establish markets for selling reclaimed
1.15 materials.

1.16 Subd. 3. Partnerships. (a) The nonprofit identified in section 2 shall partner with
1.17 the opportunities industrialization center based in northern Minnesota in order to extend
1.18 benefits of the program statewide.

1.19 (b) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall advise the nonprofit on
1.20 administration of the pilot program, including assistance with development of building
1.21 deconstruction into a viable, sustainable practice statewide.

1.22 Subd. 4. Goals. The goals of the pilot project are to:

1.23 (1) test and fully develop safe, cost-effective techniques for deconstructing buildings;

2.1 (2) develop and implement a deconstruction training regimen that leads to
2.2 certification;

2.3 (3) develop and build sustainable markets for reusable materials collected during the
2.4 deconstruction process;

2.5 (4) create jobs for chronically unemployed adults, with a focus on adults who are
2.6 homeless and at risk of returning to jail or prison;

2.7 (5) prepare model policies for state and local units of government to consider and
2.8 adopt in an effort to establish building deconstruction as a sustainable, cost-effective
2.9 practice; and

2.10 (6) document the environmental, social, and economic impact of deconstruction
2.11 compared to the standing policy of demolition, including the amount of carbon emissions
2.12 reduced by deconstruction and the reuse of natural resources.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Outcomes.** (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency
2.14 shall monitor the activities and outcomes of the pilot program, including collection of
2.15 information to calculate the amount of carbon emissions reduced by the deconstruction
2.16 projects completed through the program.

2.17 (b) The commissioner of employment and economic development shall monitor the
2.18 activities and outcomes of the pilot program, including collection of the number of jobs
2.19 created and the average salary of participants.

2.20 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.21 (a) \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the
2.22 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to Better Futures
2.23 Minnesota for the pilot program in section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is
2.24 available until expended.

2.25 (b) \$250,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to the
2.26 commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to develop incentives and community
2.27 outreach that creates a market for deconstruction in lieu of demolition.