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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3053

03/14/2016 Authored by Clark, Moran, Kahn and Johnson, S., The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to workforce development; providing funding for Somali
1.3 youth programming to develop leadership, workforce skills, and youth
1.4 entrepreneurship; appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. WEST BANK ATHLETIC CLUB SOMALI YOUTH PROGRAM
1.7 GRANT; APPROPRIATION.

1.8 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.9 commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the West Bank
1.10 Athletic Club to provide programming to Somali youth.

1.11 (b) Funds available under this section may be used to promote healthy youth
1.12 development, leadership skills, and self-empowerment through:

1.13 (1) career exploration, job skills development, and training;

1.14 (2) fostering youth entrepreneurship, community leadership, and business leadership
1.15 skills;

1.16 (3) community service and civic and community engagement opportunities provided
1.17 in a safe and healthy environment that is free of drugs, violence, and exposure to radical
1.18 ideologies, and that is provided in partnership with law enforcement and other community
1.19 organizations;

1.20 (4) mentoring and tutoring for academics, financial literacy, and job readiness skills;

1.21 (5) intensive team building and leadership development skill building through
1.22 athletic programming after school and during school breaks and holidays;

1.23 (6) prevention of adolescent gang involvement and self-destructive behavior through:

1.24 (1) radicalization awareness;

- 2.1 (2) positive interaction with community law enforcement personnel; and  
2.2 (3) development of problem solving skills and conflict resolution within the spiritual  
2.3 framework of the community and cultural values.
- 2.4 (c) Activities and services supported with funds available under this section may  
2.5 be provided in collaboration with other organizations, including, but not limited to:  
2.6 law enforcement, state and local public agencies, interfaith organizations, nonprofit  
2.7 organizations, and East African community organizations and stakeholders.