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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3244

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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 employment; establishing the emerging workforce grant program;  
1.3 appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **EMERGING WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM;**  
1.6 **APPROPRIATION.**

1.7 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development to develop, implement,  
1.9 and administer an emerging workforce grant program for grants to community-based  
1.10 organizations originating within underserved immigrant communities, communities  
1.11 of color, and American Indian communities in the state having unemployment rates  
1.12 exceeding state averages or graduation rates below state averages. The purpose of the grant  
1.13 program is to provide workforce development training, bridging, and other supports for  
1.14 adults within these underserved communities. The commissioner must make grant awards  
1.15 through an open and public process and must include collaboration with individuals  
1.16 representing diverse communities in Minnesota. This appropriation is available until spent.