1.1 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. No. 9

1.2 A bill for an act

1.3 relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for Department of
1.4 Employment and Economic Development, Department of Labor and Industry,
1.5 Bureau of Mediation Services, and Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals;
1.6 modifying various provisions governing economic development, labor and industry,
1.7 unemployment insurance, and higher education; establishing Main Street Economic
1.8 Revitalization Loan Program; establishing Main Street COVID-19 Relief grants;
1.9 modifying fees; classifying data; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending
1.10 Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 13.7905, by adding a subdivision; 116J.035,
1.11 subdivision 6; 116J.431, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 116L.40,
1.12 subdivisions 5, 6, 9, 10, by adding a subdivision; 116L.41, subdivisions 1, 2, by
1.13 adding subdivisions; 116L.42, subdivisions 1, 2; 178.012, subdivision 1; 181.939;
1.14 268.035, subdivision 21c; 268.085, subdivisions 2, 4a; 268.133; 268.136,
1.15 subdivision 1; 326B.07, subdivision 1; 326B.092, subdivision 7; 326B.108,
1.16 subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 326B.133, subdivision 8; 326B.42, by
1.17 adding subdivisions; 326B.46, subdivision 1; 326B.89, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 9;
1.18 Laws 2014, chapter 211, section 13, as amended; Laws 2017, chapter 94, article
1.19 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter
1.20 7, article 1, sections 2, subdivision 2, as amended; 3, subdivision 4; article 2,
1.21 section 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J;
1.22 181A; 299F; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 181.9414; 268.085,
1.23 subdivision 4.

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1.25 The Honorable Jeremy R. Miller
1.26 President of the Senate

1.27 The Honorable Melissa Hortman
1.28 Speaker of the House of Representatives

1.29 We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 9 report that we have agreed upon the items

1.30 in dispute and recommend as follows:

1.31 That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 9, the fourth engrossment,

1.32 be further amended as follows:

1.33 Page 2, line 11, delete "289,150,000" and insert "294,150,000"

1.34 Page 2, line 14, delete "248,701,000" and insert "253,701,000"

2.1   Page 2, line 21, delete "203,015,000" and insert "208,015,000"

2.2   Page 2, line 23, delete "200,215,000" and insert "205,215,000"

2.3   Page 10, after line 4, insert:

2.4   "(z) $5,000,000 in the first year is for a grant

2.5   to Lake of the Woods County for the

2.6   forgivable loan program for remote

2.7   recreational businesses. This appropriation is

2.8   available until April 1, 2022."

2.9   Page 32, after line 3, insert:

2.10   "(c) The commissioner of employment and economic development may temporarily

2.11   modify program standards under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395, to the degree

2.12   necessary to comply with federal standards for funding received under this section."

2.13   Page 74, after line 2, insert:

2.14   "Sec. 24. **FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM FOR REMOTE RECREATIONAL**

2.15   **BUSINESSES.**

2.16   Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** Lake of the Woods County shall establish a loan program

2.17   to make forgivable loans to eligible remote recreational businesses that experienced a loss

2.18   in revenue that is greater than 30 percent during the period between March 15, 2020, and

2.19   March 15, 2021, as compared with the previous year.

2.20   Subd. 2. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "remote recreational business"

2.21   means a business in the contiguous United States that is:

2.22   (1) a small business concern as defined under section 3 of the Small Business Act, United

2.23   States Code, title 15, section 632, operating in the recreational industry;

2.24   (2) located within 75 miles of the United States and Canadian border; and

2.25   (3) only accessible by land via Canada.

2.26   Subd. 3. **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a forgivable loan, a remote recreational business

2.27   must:

2.28   (1) have been in operation on March 15, 2020;

2.29   (2) show that the closure of the United States and Canadian border restricted the ability

2.30   of American customers to access the location of the remote recreational business; and

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3.1   (3) not have received a grant under the Main Street COVID-19 relief grant program.

3.2   Subd. 4. **Application.** (a) Lake of the Woods County shall develop forms and procedures

3.3   for soliciting and reviewing applications for loans under this section.

3.4   (b) Loans shall be made before April 1, 2022. Any funds not spent by April 1, 2022,

3.5   must be returned to the state general fund.

3.6   Subd. 5. **Maximum loan amount.** The maximum loan amount shall be equal to 75

3.7   percent of the remote recreational business's gross annual receipts for fiscal year 2020, not

3.8   to exceed $500,000 per eligible remote recreational business.

3.9   Subd. 6. **Forgiveness.** Loans are forgiven for a remote recreational business if the

3.10   business remains in operation for at least one year after the date of the loan. Lake of the

3.11   Woods County shall forgive 100 percent of the value of a loan received less the amount the

3.12   borrower received from:

3.13   (1) any other loan forgiveness program, including any program established under the

3.14   CARES Act, Public Law 116-136; and

3.15   (2) an advance received under section 1110 of the CARES Act, United States Code, title

3.16   15, section 9009.

3.17   Subd. 7. **Report to legislature.** By January 15, 2023, Lake of the Woods County shall

3.18   report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over economic development policy

3.19   and finance on the loans provided to remote recreational businesses under this section.

3.20   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

4.1   We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

4.2   Senate Conferees:

4.3   ....
4.4   Eric Pratt   Jason Rarick

4.5   ....
4.6   Karin Housley   Rich Draheim

4.7   ....
4.8   Bobby Joe Champion

4.9   House Conferees:

4.10   ....
4.11   Mohamud Noor   Rob Ecklund

4.12   ....
4.13   Liz Olson   Kaela Berg

4.14   ....
4.15   Rod Hamilton