

**116J.990 DUTIES.**

Subdivision 1. **General duties.** The board shall encourage the creation, performance, and appreciation of invention in the state. The board shall investigate and evaluate new methods to enhance invention.

Subd. 2. **Grant program.** The board shall establish an invention grant program to award grants to individuals, nonprofits, or private organizations to encourage the development of both commercial and social inventions.

Subd. 3. **Technical assistance.** The board shall provide information services relating to invention to the general public.

Subd. 4. **Coordination.** The board may review all public and private programs relating to invention and innovation.

Subd. 5. **Budget.** The board shall adopt an annual budget and work program.

Subd. 6. **Report.** The board shall submit a report to the legislature and the governor by January 31 of each year. The report must include a review of invention activities in the state, a review of the board's activities, a listing of grants made under the invention grant program, an evaluation of invention initiatives, and recommendations concerning state support of invention activities.

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1997 c 200 art 1 s 74]

**History:** 1993 c 369 s 53