

2023 Legislative Session Equity Analysis



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Cannabis finance and policy

- 1) **Office of Cannabis Management** (Article 1, Sec. 2, Pg. 15)
 - a) This bill establishes that The Office of Cannabis Management is a regulatory authority over the cannabis/hemp industry, and must essentially protect public health/safety and ensure legal sales of cannabis. It outlines the things the Office is responsible for.
 - i) (15.26-27) The office must prioritize growth/recovery in **communities disproportionately affected** by cannabis having been illegal
 - ii) (16.8-9) The office must prioritize promoting economic growth in **areas that experienced disproportionately negative impacts** from cannabis prohibition
 - iii) (19.19-22) The office must establish the Division of Social Equity, which provides grants to **communities that have experienced disproportionate**, negative impact from cannabis prohibition and usage.
- 2) **Cannabis Advisory Council** (Article 1, Sec. 3, Pg. 20)
 - a) This bill establishes this council, and the members that comprise it
 - i) (20.22-23) A member of the council must focus on economic development for **under-resourced communities**
 - ii) (21.1) A member must focus on **social welfare/justice**
 - iii) (21.2-3) A member must focus on criminal justice reform to mitigate the effects of drug prosecutions on **communities of color**
 - iv) (21.22-22.5) There must be a member on the council from 11 different federally recognized **tribes**



- 3) **Studies; Reports** (Article 1, Sec. 4, Pg. 22)
 - a) This bill establishes the reports that must be done with regards to cannabis production/the cannabis industry
 - i) (23.4-8) The office will conduct studies of the **areas that experience disproportionately large** amounts of cannabis (legal) enforcement
 - ii) (24.17-19) The office must have an annual report that includes information on the progress for providing opportunities to **communities that have experienced a disproportionate, negative impact** from cannabis prohibition (criminal convictions + economic opportunities)
 - iii) (25.5-8) The office must have an annual report that includes information on recommendations of funding for training/educational materials for **tribal** home visiting programs about safely using cannabis
 - iv) (25.15-16) The office must have an annual report that includes information on recommendations for giving grants to organizations for community development in **social equity communities**
- 4) **Local Control** (Article 1, Sec. 13, Pg. 38)
 - a) This bill establishes how local governments may provide restrictions to cannabis usage
 - i) (39.33-40.2) The cannabis industry cannot have a license to conduct business on Minnesotan **Tribal** country without the consent of the tribal government
- 5) **Social Equity Applicants** (Article 1, Sec. 17, Pg. 44)
 - a) This bill defines who is a “social equity applicant”
 - i) (45.4-7) A person who has experienced a **disproportionately large** amount of cannabis enforcement
- 6) **Retail Sale of Cannabis Flower and Products; General Requirements** (Article 1, Sec. 27, Pg. 64)
 - a) This bill outlines what constitutes as a legal sale of cannabis
 - i) (66.9-15) A customer must be at least 21 years of age to buy cannabis, and a **Tribal** identification card can be used to verify this age.
- 7) **Cannabis Industry Community Renewal Grants** (Article 1, Sec. 69, Pg. 138)
 - a) This bill establishes a program for funds to investments in communities with eligible **social equity** applicants
 - i) (139.5-8) This includes investments in educational institutions, NPOs, private businesses, community groups, etc.
- 8) **Cannabis Grower Grants** (Article 1, Sec. 71, Pg. 141)
 - a) This bill establishes programs to help farmers navigate the rules of the cannabis industry
 - i) (144.1-4) Loans must be used to help farmers when entering the cannabis industry, with priority to **social equity** applicant farmers and areas
- 9) **Cannabis Gross Receipts Tax** (Article 2, Sec. 9, Pg. 151)
 - a) This bill details information about taxing cannabis products
 - i) (154.19-24) The taxes in this section do not apply to sales made on reservations by a cannabis business licensed by a Minnesota **Tribal** government
- 10) **Cannabis Industry Startup Financing Grants** (Article 3, Sec. 1, Pg. 173)
 - a) This bill establishes a program to award grants to nonprofits for job creation in communities with residents eligible to be **social equity** applicants

- b) (174.1-3) A commissioner must provide funds to nonprofits, with weight given to nonprofits that have a board of directors with citizens experienced in creating jobs for **people facing barriers** in education or employment
- c) (174.11-12) A commissioner must provide funds to nonprofits, with weight given to nonprofits that have established relationships with communities with **social equity** applicants
- d) (174.24-27) Loans to nonprofits in the cannabis industry must be prioritized to be given to individuals who are **social equity** applicants, and businesses in communities with residents who are social equity applicants
- e) (175.33-176.2) The commissioner must publicize the program through partnerships with community organizations, especially located in areas with **social equity** applicants
- f) (176.5-11) Annual reports must be conducted on the program's impact on business/job creation, especially in **communities with social equity** applicants
- g) (176.15-20) Annually, the commissioner must submit reports of house and senate member's use of grants through the program, detailing any success towards creating jobs in communities with **social equity** applicants
- 11) **Cannabis Industry Navigation Grants** (Article 3, Sec. 2, Pg. 176)
 - a) This bill states that the commissioner of employment and economic development must establish a program to award grants to organizations to help individuals navigate the rules/laws of the cannabis industry.
 - i) (178.3-6) The commissioner must publicize grants, especially through organizations in areas with **social equity** applicants
- 12) **Medical Cannabis; Compacts to be Negotiated** (Article 6, Sec. 1, Pg. 224)
 - a) (226.10-21) This bill establishes that Minnesota **Tribal** governments have a sovereign right to regulate the cannabis industry
 - i) This bill discusses several details in relation to taxes and consent for the cannabis industry on **tribal** land and from tribal governments
- 13) **Adult-Use Cannabis; Compacts to be Negotiated** (Article 6, Sec. 2, Pg. 229)
 - a) (230.27-231.8) This bill establishes that Minnesota **Tribal** governments and the legislature will work to find mutually-beneficial agreements in the cannabis industry
- 14) **Cannabis Education Programs** (Article 6, Sec. 9, Pg. 237)
 - a) (237.29-238.7) This bill states that the commissioner must provide training/assistance/educational materials to **Tribal** home visiting programs
 - b) (238.8-14) The commissioner must distribute grants to Tribal health departments to spread educational material on cannabis
- 15) **Tribal Medical Cannabis Program Manufacturer Transportation** (Article 6, Sec. 20, 242)
 - a) (242.4-5) This bill states that a **Tribal** medical cannabis program manufacturer can transport cannabis to testing labs
- 16) **Protections for Registry Program or Tribal Medical Cannabis Program Participation** (Article 6, Sec. 22, Pg. 243)
 - a) (243.13-24) The use of medical cannabis by employees of a tribal medical cannabis program is not a violation of this section
 - b) (243.29-244.6) The use of medical cannabis by members of a **Tribal** medical cannabis board, or **Tribal** medical cannabis board are not in violation of this section

- c) (244.18-21) No information obtained from documents from a **Tribal** medical cannabis program can be used as evidence for committing crimes, unless independently obtained or in connection with a proceeding involving a violation of sections 152.22 to 152.37
- d) (244.24-29) An attorney cannot be tried by the Minnesota Supreme Court, a **Tribal** court, or the professional responsibility board for providing legal assistance to a **Tribal** medical cannabis program
- e) (245.6-8) The possession of a **Tribal** medical cannabis program by a person entitled to possession does not constitute reasonable suspicion
- f) (245.9-14) A school/landlord cannot refuse to enroll/lease a **Tribal** medical cannabis program patient for their status, unless not doing so would violate laws or impact monetary benefits
- g) (245.15-21) The use of cannabis by a **Tribal** medical cannabis program is considered similar to any other medicine prescribed by a physician/nurse, and therefore does not disqualify a patient from needed medical care

Legacy finance and policy

- 1) **Outdoor Heritage Fund** (Article 1, Sec. 2, Pg. 2)
 - a) This bill details the appropriations provided to causes related to nature preservation and land from the outdoor heritage fund
 - i) (18.29-34) \$966,000 the first year is provided to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance wildlife habitats on **Tribal** lands
 - ii) (26.22-27.2) Each direct recipient of an appropriation in this section must contact the commissioner of natural resources to determine whether opportunities to coordinate with recipients of grants from opportunities providing training/education to **racially, ethnically, and economically diverse youth** in the practical implementation of conservation practices are available
- 2) **Pollution Control Agency** (Article 2, Sec. 4, Pg. 45)
 - a) This bill explains that \$9,050,000 the first and second year must be used to assess surface water quality
 - i) \$900,000 the first and second year are for grants to **low-income** landowners to address systems that pose a threat to public health and safety in relation to subsurface sewage treatment systems.
- 3) **Expanding Access to Parks and Trails Fund Grants in Greater Minnesota; Report** (Article 3, Sec. 11, Pg. 73)
 - a) (73.9-15) This bill states that the commissioner of natural resources must report to legislative committees with recommendations for expanding eligibility of parks and trails grants to **Tribal** governments
- 4) **Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Appropriations** (Article 4, Sec. 2, Pg. 73)
 - a) This bill details the grants that will be provided to fund art related activities
 - i) (75.12-30) \$35,737,000 the first year and \$36,437,000 the second year will be provided as grants to Minnesota artists/art organizations, prioritizing artists who have been **historically underrepresented** in the arts
 - ii) (75.32-76.9) \$7,263,000 the first year and \$6,269,000 the second year are for education the arts, prioritizing awarding grants to **underserved**

- iii) **communities** (81.11-19) \$2,750,000 each year is appropriated to the commissioner of education for grants to Minnesota libraries to provide educational opportunities in the arts and humanities, including promoting and sharing the work of Minnesota authors from **diverse backgrounds**
- iv) (82.6-22) \$250,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of education, who must allocate these grants to nonprofit organizations, parks, and recreation programs that provide swimming lessons to youth, primarily to provide scholarships for **low-income and at-risk children** for swimming lessons
- v) (87.19-27) \$235,000 the first year and \$125,000 the second year are for arts and cultural heritage programming celebrating **black communities** in Minnesota
- vi) (92.1-12) \$2,000,000 each year is for supporting humanities programs
- vii) (92.21-30) \$1,100,000 each year is for grants to children's museums, prioritizing outreach to **underserved and diverse communities** and programs that celebrate cultural diversity
- viii) (92.35-93.8) \$75,000 the first year is for outreach and education on the humanities center grant program with a focus on reaching **diverse community** organizations.
- ix) (93.9-28) In the first year, \$8,850,000 will be used to fund organizations or individuals that teach the art and heritage of diverse communities in Minnesota including Asian and Pacific Island communities, the Somali diaspora, other African immigrant communities, Indigenous communities, the African American community, the Latinx community, the LGBTQIA+ community, and other **underrepresented cultural groups**
 - (1) (93.29-94.6) Eligible organizations or individuals must honor the cultural heritage of Minnesota, provide education on **cultural diversity**, support the development of culturally diverse humanities programs, or empower communities in building and preserving identity, including communities whose **Indigenous** cultures are endangered
- x) (94.7-11) \$750,000 the first year is for capacity-building grants to organizations working with and promoting the culture of **underserved communities**
- xi) (95.16-20) \$850,000 each year to provide grants to Minnesota **Tribal** Nations to preserve the Dakota and Ojibwe languages and foster education programs and services for the Dakota and Ojibwe languages.

Environment, natural resources, climate, and energy finance and policy

- 1) **Pollution Control Agency** (Article 1, Sec. 2, Pg. 3)
 - a) This bill states the appropriation funds provided for different environmental causes in relation to pollution
 - i) (5.14-26) \$1,492,000 the first year and \$1,519,000 the second year are for continuing perfluorochemical biomonitoring, including specifically in Hmong and other **immigrant** farming communities
 - ii) (6.12-31) \$50,266,000 the first year and \$50,270,000 is appropriated

- for adapting to climate change for **Tribal governments**. At least 40% must be used for projects in **environmental justice areas**
- iii) (10.4-11) \$3,200,000 the first year and \$3,200,000 the second year are for air emission reduction grants, prioritizing air pollution reduction at regulated facilities within **environmental justice areas**
- iv) (11.10-20) 2,457,000 the first year and \$2,457,000 the second year are for implementation of **environmental justice** requirements
- v) (14.24-27) \$2,000,000 the first and second year are for technical assistance to **Tribal governments**
- vi) (15.1-4) \$270,000 the first year and \$270,000 the second year are from the environmental fund to support career pathways for **underrepresented students**
- vii) (20.4-15) \$4,210,000 the first year and \$210,000 the second year are for PFAS reduction grants to reduce pollution in public entities, with priority given to **underserved communities**

2) **Natural Resources** (Article 1, Sec. 3, Pg. 25)

- a) This bill states the appropriation funds provided for different environmental causes in relation to natural resources
 - i) (33.17-29) \$7,998,000 the first and second year are for grants to **Tribal governments** to enhance community forest ecosystem health and sustainability
 - ii) (34.21-34.33) \$1,300,000 the first year and \$1,300,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for park and trail grants for maintenance, prioritizing projects in **underserved communities**
 - iii) (37.10-19) \$400,000 the first year and \$600,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for projects that connect **diverse underserved Minnesotans**
 - iv) (40.9-23) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year are for grants for natural-resource-based education and recreation programs for youth, prioritizing projects benefiting **underserved communities**
 - v) (42.19-24) \$75,000 the first year is for game and fish funds for enhanced fish stocking in lakes in the metropolitan area where **communities are currently underserved**
 - vi) (42.31-43.10) \$900,000 the first year is to expand outreach/education programs for **non-native English-speaking communities**. Of this amount, \$400,000 can be used to expand the Fishing in the Neighborhood program to reach **underserved audiences**
 - vii) (46.33-47.5) \$3,000,000 the first two years are for payments to **Tribes** receiving payments under Minnesota Statutes

3) **University of Minnesota** (Article 1, Sec. 9, Pg. 61)

- a) This bill discusses different funds for invasive species based research
 - i) (61.26-62.2) Materials on the risks of aquatic invasive species must be prepared in multiple languages, including **Tribal** languages
 - ii) (62.3-62.6) The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center must coordinate these research activities with **Tribal governments**

4) **Minnesota Resources** (Article 2, Sec. 2, Pg. 63)

- a) This bill details appropriation funds for different environmental causes
 - i) (75.28-76.2) \$180,000 the first year is from a trust fund from the UMN to foster environmental stewardship and literacy in Minnesota youth in

underserved schools

- 5) **Resource Management; Report** (Article 3, Sec. 35, Pg. 171)
 - a) This bill states that the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must conduct studies and reports about ways to implement resource management policies, programs, and infrastructure
 - i) (172.25-30) The report must include recommendations for reducing environmental and human health impacts of waste management, especially in **environmental justice areas**, ensuring the benefits of these resource management investments flow to **disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened** by pollution
 - ii) (172.31-173.7) The report must include a review of feasibility, costs, etc. that are necessary to meet study goals. The commissioner must obtain input from **Tribal representative** and **diverse communities located in environmental justice areas** that contain a waste facility
- 6) **Report Required; Recycling and Reusing Solar Photovoltaic Modules and Installation Components** (Article 3, Sec. 36, Pg. 173)
 - a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must prepare reports on developing statewide systems to reuse and recycle solar photovoltaic modules and installation components
 - i) (173.24-25) Systems must include reports of potential benefits and negative impacts on **environmental justice** and **Tribal communities**
 - ii) (174.1-8) A working group that advises on developing policy recommendations for this statewide system must include representatives of **Tribal governments**
- 7) **Department of Natural Resources Outreach to Southeast Asian Minnesotans** (Article 4, Sec. 107, Pg. 231)
 - a) This bill states that the commissioner of natural resources must hire at least 3.5 full-time equivalent positions of people who are fluent in either the Hmong or Karen language, to engage in outreach to members of **Southeast Asian communities** in Minnesota about hunting and fishing opportunities
- 8) **Lawns to Legumes Program** (Article 5, Sec. 6, Pg. 237)
 - a) This bill states that the Board of Water and Soil Resources can give financial/technical assistance to communities with native vegetation for various reasons
 - i) (237.23-25) The board can work with **Tribal Nations** to implement and promote this program
- 9) **Habitat-Friendly Utilities Program** (Article 5, Sec. 7, Pg. 237)
 - a) This bill states that the Board of Water and Soil Resources can provide financial/technical assistance to help establish native vegetation as part of utility projects
 - i) (238.6-8) The board can work with **Tribal Nations** to promote this program
- 10) **Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program** (Article 5, Sec. 8, Pg. 238)
 - a) This bill states that the Board of Water and Soil Resources can give financial/technical assistance to help areas of diverse native vegetation for various reasons
 - i) (238.21-23) The board can work with **Tribal Nations** to promote this program

11) **Cumulative Impacts Analysis; Permit Decisions in Environmental Justice Areas**
(Article 8, Sec. 3, Pg. 271)

- a) This bill provides information about providing permits to facilities near environmental justice areas
 - i) (271.15-17) This section defines **environmental justice** as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, nationality, and income
 - ii) (272.23-27) **Tribal governments** in **environmental justice areas** can suggest a facility seeking a permit notify and consults with the commissioner
 - iii) (272.28-31) The commissioner is responsible for determining if a proposed permit may impact the environment and health of residents in an **environmental justice area**
 - iv) (273.1-3) A permit applicant must include their determination of whether the permit action may impact the environment and health of residents in an **environmental justice area**
 - v) (273.16-22) The commissioner must require an applicant to conduct a cumulative impacts analysis if it is determined that issuing the permit may impact the environment and health of residents in an **environmental justice area**
 - vi) (273.23-31) The commissioner can require a permit applicant/holder to conduct an impacts analysis is a petition requesting that an analysis be conducted is signed by at least 100 individuals who live in the **environmental justice area** impacted by the facility
 - vii) (274.6-10) A permit applicant/holder required to conduct an impacts analysis must hold at least two meetings in the **environmental justice area** impacted by the facility before the commissioner issues or denies a permit
 - viii) (274.22-24) Any public meetings held by the permit applicant/holder must provide opportunity for **Tribal engagement**
 - ix) (275.3-6) The commissioner can add conditions in a permit for a facility affecting an **environmental justice area** to hold multiple meetings with residents affected by the facility to share concerns
 - x) (275.12-18) Unless the commissioner enters into a community benefit agreement with the facility owner, the commissioner must deny a permit for a facility in an **environmental justice area** if the impacts analysis determines that the facility would have a substantial adverse impact on the environment or health of the residents
 - xi) (275.28-32) The commissioner must adopt rules to implement impacts analysis and denial/issuance of permits for facilities that impact **environmental justice areas**
 - (1) (276.1-2) The Pollution Control Agency must engage in **Tribal consultation** during the rulemaking process
 - (2) (276.6-8) Adopted rules must provide sources of public information that an applicant can access regarding environmental stressors that are present in an **environmental justice area**
 - (3) (276.11-14) Adopted rules must establish the content of a community benefit agreement, which must include outreach to

- residents of an impacted **environmental justice area** in order to get community participation
- (4) (276.19-20) Adopted rules must establish a petition process for **environmental justice area residents**
- (5) (276.21-22) Adopted rules must establish a process for **Tribal governments** to be able to apply this section to a permit application
- 12) **Air Toxics Emissions; Rulemaking** (Article 8, Sec. 5, Pg. 277)
- a) This bill focuses on facilities that emit air toxics
 - i) (279.15-16) Any exposure of residents of **environmental justice areas** to facility air toxics emissions must be addressed
- 13) **Community Air-Monitoring Systems; Pilot Grant Program** (Article 8, Sec. 6, Pg. 279)
- a) This bill focuses on providing grants to monitor air pollution levels
 - i) (281.16-24) Priority must be given to providing grants to projects that take place in an **environmental justice area**
- 14) **Department of Commerce** (Article 10, Sec. 2, Pg. 291)
- a) This bill outlines the appropriations provided for different energy related causes
 - i) (293.33-294.9) \$300,000 the first year is for supporting the **Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy**. A **Tribal liaison** must be hired to support the council on the development of a clean energy grants program
- 15) **Construction Materials; Environmental Analysis** (Article 12, Sec. 1, Pg. 312)
- a) This bill outlines different things the commissioner of administration must do in relation to global warming and greenhouse gas emissions
 - i) (317.17) A member of the task force must include an environmental justice organization
- 16) **Air Ventilation Pilot Program Grants and Guidelines** (Article 12, Sec. 8, Pg. 327)
- a) This bill explains that an air ventilation program must be established for awarding grants
 - i) (328.5-8) Grants may be awarded to HVAC projects, prioritizing grants to support schools in communities with high rates of poverty
- 17) **Electric Vehicle Deployment Program** (Article 12, Sec. 12, Pg. 333)
- a) This bill explains that a public utility must file a transportation electrification plan with different elements that promote electric vehicles
 - i) (336.7-8) This file may include programs targeting transportation electrification in **low and moderate income communities**
 - ii) (336.16-24) The commission must consider whether the programs/investments are expected to increase access to electricity as fuel for transportation for **low and moderate income communities**
- 18) **Compensation for Participants in Proceedings** (Article 12, Sec. 25, Pg. 356)
- a) This bill outlines reasons that different organizations or groups may be eligible for financial compensation
 - i) (358.1-2) A federally recognized **Tribal government** in Minnesota is eligible to receive financial compensation in this section
- 19) **Electric School Bus Deployment Program** (Article 12, Sec. 35, Pg. 376)
- a) This bill discusses promoting electric buses in schools
 - i) (379.30-380.2) Areas of a school district that disproportionately experience poor air quality are considered for grants

- ii) (380.3-6) There is a priority to provide electric school buses in areas that experience disproportionately poor air quality or are located within **environmental justice areas**
- 20) **Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy; Department of Commerce Support** (Article 12, Sec. 71, Pg. 426)
 - a) This bill states that the Department of Commerce must give support to help the 11 federally recognized **Tribes** in Minnesota establish a **Tribal** advocacy council on energy
 - i) (426.18-23) The Department of Commerce can help the council assess common **Tribal** energy issues
 - ii) (426.29-32) The Department of Commerce can help the council raise awareness of **Tribal** energy issues

Transportation finance and policy bill

- 1) **Department of Transportation** (Article 1, Sec. 2, Pg. 2)
 - a) This bill outlines the appropriations for different transportation projects
 - i) (16.9-12) \$900,000 each year is for establishing a **Tribal** affairs workforce training program related to the construction industry
 - ii) (16.22-17.2) \$500,000 is for grants for NPOs to support the growth of carsharing in **disadvantaged communities**
- 2) **Minnesota Management and Budget** (Article 1, Sec. 6, Pg. 28)
 - a) This bill states an appropriation provided for the commissioner of management and budget for providing grants
 - i) (29.21-24) They must help coordinate federal grants with **Tribal governments**
- 3) **Appropriation; Small Community Partnerships** (Article 1, Sec. 15, Pg. 35)
 - a) This bill outlines the appropriations for different small community partnership related projects
 - i) (35.31-36.7) Supporting **Tribal governments** with insufficiency of capacity to undertake project development must be prioritized
- 4) **Regional Transportation Sales and Use Tax Uses** (Article 3, Sec. 34, Pg. 79)
 - a) This bill outlines the sales tax revenue for transportation
 - i) (81.5-81.15) Selecting for the communities that obtain funds must prioritize geographic equity, with an emphasis on **historically underrepresented communities**
- 5) **Advisory Council on Traffic Safety** (Article 4, Sec. 2, Pg. 83)
 - a) This bill establishes that the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety must help with public safety and transportation, and implement projects to improve traffic safety
 - i) (84.7) The advisory council must contain a representative for **Tribal governments**
- 6) **Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Assessment** (Article 4, Sec. 28, Pg. 106)
 - a) This bill explains the requirements for carrying out a capacity expansion project with highway projects
 - i) (108.18-24) An impact mitigation action must prioritize areas of poverty and **historically disadvantaged communities**
- 7) **Transit Rider Investment Program** (Article 4, Sec. 93, Pg. 170)

- a) This bill states that the council must implement a transit rider investment program for various purposes in relation to the transit experience
 - i) (171.17-21) The program must develop a plan that supports applicants who are from **historically underrepresented communities**
- 8) **Federal Transportation Grants Technical Assistance** (Article 4, Sec. 110, Pg. 189)
 - a) This bill states different things the commissioner of transportation must establish in relation to grant provisions
 - i) (189.4-7) The commissioner must establish a process for providing grants to **Tribal governments** for transportation-related reasons
 - ii) (189.22-23) The commissioner must establish a process for providing grants, with criteria for projects that are located in areas of **historically disadvantaged communities**
 - iii) (189.27) The commissioner must establish a process for providing grants, with criteria for projects that support grants to **Tribal governments**
 - iv) (190.1-3) The commissioner may award multiple grants to a **Tribal government**
 - v) (190.4-5) The commissioner must reserve 15% of available funds for **Tribal governments**
- 9) **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Discretionary Match** (Article 4, Sec. 111, Pg. 190)
 - a) This bill establishes processes to make funds available for transportation-related purposes
 - i) (191.12-14) The commissioner can make grants to federally recognized **Tribal governments**
- 10) **Clean Transportation Fuel Standard Working Group; Report Required** (Article 4, Sec. 124, Pg. 205)
 - a) This bill states that the commissioners must form a Clean Transportation Fuel Standard Working Group to address clean transportation
 - i) (205.30) The working group must include individuals to represent **Tribal governments** and **environmental justice organizations**
- 11) **Indian Employment Preference** (Article 5, Sec. 8, Pg. 213)
 - a) (213.26-32) This bill states that the commissioner can help provide employment nearby a reservation of federally recognized **tribes**

Omnibus Agriculture, Broadband and Rural Development

- 1) **Department of Agriculture** (Article 1, Sec. 2, Pg. 2)
 - a) This bill states appropriations for different agriculture related causes
 - i) (3.17-3.26) \$150,000 the first two years are for grants for assisting with invasive species and weed management assistance, including **Tribal governments**
 - ii) (24.15-31) \$300,000 the first two years are for protecting seeds brought to Minnesota by **immigrant communities**, and for funding for extension to **BIPOC** farmers
- 2) **Soil Health Financial Assistance Program** (Article 2, Sec. 10, Pg. 30)
 - a) This bill states that the commissioner must establish programs to support healthy soil management practices
 - i) (31.14-20) **Tribal governments** are eligible for grants for this purpose

- 3) **Wild Rice Research Report** (Article 2, Sec. 140, Pg. 94)
 - a) (94.26-95.2) This bill states that the commissioner of agriculture must form a group of stakeholders that includes **Tribal governments**, for the purpose of making recommendations about the wild rice breeding program

Omnibus Jobs, Economic Development, Labor, and Industry

- 1) **Sacred Communities and Micro-Unit Dwellings** (Article 11, Sec. 57, Pg. 117)
 - a) (118.23-28) This bill states that religious institutions can provide housing to extremely **low-income** people
- 2) **Office of Child Care Community Partnerships** (Article 15, Sec. 1, Pg. 138)
 - a) This bill establishes an office for child care within the Department of Employment and Economic Development to carry out different duties
 - i) (139.2) One purpose of the office includes improving accessibility to child care for **underserved communities**
- 3) **Office of New Americans** (Article 15, Sec. 2, Pg. 140)
 - a) This bill establishes an office of New Americans in the Department of Employment and Economic Development
 - i) (140.7-11) The office's purpose is to foster **immigrant and refugee inclusion** to improve economic mobility
 - ii) (140.16-141.12) The office must address the state's workforce needs by connecting employers and job seekers within the **immigrant community**, implement programs to reduce employment barriers for immigrants, support programs that help ensure equitable access to the workforce for immigrants, support opportunities for immigrants to access grants, work with state agencies to do analyze economic and demographic trends to better understand and serve immigrant communities, make policy recommendations to the governor on issues impacting immigrants, communicate the importance of immigrant inclusion, and serve as the point of contact for immigrants accessing resources
- 4) **Small Business Assistance Partnership Program** (Article 15, Sec. 9, Pg. 147)
 - a) This bill establishes a program to provide grants to organizations that help with small business development and assistance
 - i) (147.26-30) The commissioner must make grants to these organizations, prioritizing applications that provide services to **underserved populations and geographies**
- 5) **Launch Minnesota** (Article 15, Sec. 15, Pg. 155)
 - a) This bill establishes Launch Minnesota to support the development of new technologies
 - i) (157.2-4) The commissioner must conduct outreach and education on innovation activities and financial programs, particularly for **underserved communities**
 - ii) (159.31-34) Grants may be provided for outreach and education to state programs that support innovative technology business creation, especially in **underserved communities**
- 6) **Emerging Developer Fund Program** (Article 15, Sec. 16, Pg. 160)
 - a) (162.2-7) This bill establishes a program to make grants to organizations to make grants to projects that transform neighborhoods and promote economic

- development, while also reducing **racial and socioeconomic disparities**
- 7) **Community Wealth-Building Grant Program Pilot Project** (Article 15, Sec. 33, P.g 179)
 - a) (179.22-27) This bill establishes a program to give grants to organizations to provide loans to community businesses, and encourage promoting economic development in **low-income areas**
 - 8) **Explore Minnesota for Business Council** (Article 16, Sec. 8, Pg. 184)
 - a) This bill states that the director will be advised by the Explore Minnesota for Business Council
 - i) (184.28-29) The council must include two representatives from the Minnesota **Tribal leadership**
 - 9) **Promise Grant Program** (Article 18, Sec. 2, Pg. 189)
 - a) (189.19-23) This bill establishes a program to make grants to businesses in communities that have been impacted by **structural racial discrimination**
 - 10) **Promise Loan Program** (Article 18, Sec. 3, Pg. 191)
 - a) (192.8-12) This bill establishes a program to make grants to organizations to make loans for people in communities that have been impacted by **structural racial discrimination**
 - b) (193.10-11) Priority for grants can be given to projects that involve developers who are **Black, Indigenous, or People of Color**
 - 11) **Department of Labor and Industry** (Article 19, Sec. 2, Pg. 194)
 - a) This bill lists appropriations for different work related causes
 - i) (197.26-198.13) \$300,000 the first year is for grants to support students in structured career pathways, and provide outreach to **students of color, Indigenous students, students from low-income families, and underserved students**
 - 12) **Department of Employment and Economic Development** (Article 20, Sec. 2, Pg. 200)
 - a) This bill states appropriations provided for different business related reasons
 - i) (202.3-21) \$500,000 each year is for grants to support technological innovation for businesses and encouraging participation by businesses owned by **Black, Indigenous, or people of color**
 - ii) (213.10-18) \$1,000,000 the first year is for **Tribal** economic development
 - iii) (213.23-27) \$500,000 each year is for a loan fund that addresses economic inequalities by supporting entrepreneurs in the **African immigrant community**
 - iv) (215.4-215.13) \$2,000,000 the first year is for supporting child care providers through programs with the goal of helping child care businesses in **underserved areas**
 - v) (218.30-219.5) \$375,000 each year is to provide grants to **LGBTQ+** owned businesses and entrepreneurs
 - vi) (221.25-222.2) \$3,000,000 the first year is for grants for investments in job creation strategies that respond to the needs of **underserved populations**
 - vii) (226.23-31) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to provide services to relieve disparities in the **Southeast Asian community** through job creation
 - viii) (226.32-227.11) \$1,000,000 each year is for giving grants to

- organizations that provide economic related services for individuals, focusing on **low-income communities and communities of color**
- ix) (226.32-227.11) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to provide job training services to students, focusing on **low-income communities**
 - x) (229.5-229.24) \$900,000 each year is for grants for **low-income individuals with career education skills**
 - xi) (231.32-232.8) \$300,000 each year is for a senior employment program to help **low-income** seniors with work readiness
 - xii) (232.28-233.2) \$500,000 each year is for grants for programs that support primarily **low-income, migrant, and Latinx** workers with career planning
 - xiii) (233.3-12) \$2,000,000 each year is for grants for primarily **historically underserved cultural communities** to provide technical assistance to culturally specific organizations
 - xiv) (235.14-235.35) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000 the second year are for a clean economy workforce grant program aimed at helping **BIPOC** people prepare for work in the fields of construction, clean energy, and energy efficiency
 - xv) (236.24-32) \$750,000 each year is for grants to fund school summer programs directed toward **low-income students of color**
 - xvi) (236.33-237.2) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to expand job training, primarily for the **Southeast Asian community**
 - xvii) (237.3-15) \$1,000,000 each year is for grants to address economic disparities for **low-income unemployed** individuals
 - xviii) (240.13-15) \$589,000 the first year and \$588,000 the second year is for grants to provide **low-income** individuals with job skills
 - xix) (242.22-243.5) \$750,000 each year is for grants to provide career education to **low-income parents**
 - xx) (243.16-24) \$3,000,000 each year is for grants to provide economic development services in **communities with concentrated African populations**
 - xxi) (244.20-24) \$500,000 each year is for grants to provide workforce development services for **underserved communities**
 - xxii) (244.25-29) \$500,000 each year is for grants to provide workforce development for **underserved communities**
 - xxiii) (245.14-23) \$500,000 each year is for grants to help relieve economic disparities in the **African immigrant community** through workforce development
 - xxiv) (245.28-34) \$400,000 each year is for grants to prepare **BIPOC community members** to enter the building and construction trades
 - xxv) (246.4-15) \$250,000 each year is for providing grants to the Minnesota Community of **African People with Disabilities**, and to help workforce development activities for **low-income families**

13) Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority (Article 21, Sec. 2, Pg. 257)

- a) (257.10-257.17) This bill establishes the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority to accelerate clean energy projects and overcome financial barriers to implementing these projects, especially in **low-income communities**
- b) (257.23-27) A goal of the authority is to create clean energy jobs for workers, especially in **environmental justice communities**, and to promote the

- principles of **environmental justice**
- c) (257.28-29) A goal of the authority is to maintain energy reliability while reducing the economic burden of energy costs, especially for **low-income** households
 - d) (260.14-17) The authority can enter into agreements with a **Tribal government**
 - e) (261.22-23) The authority must develop marketing strategies to stimulate project owner interest, especially in **underserved communities**
 - f) (262.4-262.5) The authority must develop methods to measure the impacts of the authority's activities, especially on **low-income communities**
 - g) (263.15-19) The authority must give preference to projects that maximize the creation of employment, especially for workers from **environmental justice communities**
 - h) (264.29-265.3) The authority must receive input from **environmental justice communities** on the authority's strategic plans
 - i) (265.4-8) The authority must establish targets in a strategic plan for financing programs, including targets for activities undertaken in **environmental justice communities**
 - j) (265.9-12) The authority's targets must be designed to ensure that no less than 40% of benefits go to **environmental justice communities**
 - k) (265.25-26) The authority must address how values of **environmental justice** can be integrated into all investment operations of the authority
 - l) (267.7-8) The authority must have one member with expertise in the impact of climate change on particularly **low-income communities**
 - m) (268.1-3) The authority must ensure they provide technical services to prospective borrowers, especially to those serving **environmental justice communities**
 - n) (268.30-31) The authority must report their activities, with information on the number of qualified projects supported in **environmental justice communities**



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