

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-FIFTH  
SESSION

HOUSE FILE No. 58

January 8, 2007

Authored by Mullery

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to employment; requiring the preparation and implementation of an  
1.3 initiative to expand job training for minorities and to substantially increase the  
1.4 wages paid to minority workers; requiring the preparation of an interim report.

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

1.6 Section 1. **INCREASED JOB TRAINING AND WAGES FOR MINORITIES.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Initiative.** The commissioner of employment and economic  
1.8 development shall develop and implement an initiative to promote employment  
1.9 opportunities for minorities, with a particular focus on opportunities for American blacks,  
1.10 in the state of Minnesota. At a minimum, the initiative should significantly expand the  
1.11 job training available to minorities and promote substantial increases in the wages paid to  
1.12 minorities, at least to a rate well above living wage, and within several years to equality.

1.13 **Subd. 2. Interim report.** The commissioner shall prepare an interim report detailing  
1.14 the parameters of the initiative to the governor and the chair of the finance committee in  
1.15 each house of the legislature that has jurisdiction over employment. The interim report  
1.16 must be made within 90 days of the effective date of this section.

1.17 **Subd. 3. Implementation deadline.** The commissioner shall implement the  
1.18 initiative by January 10, 2008.

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