

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 2582 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 9, insert:

1.3 "Sec. .... **APPROPRIATION; CHILD CARE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
1.4 **GRANTS.**

1.5 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the  
1.6 general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to  
1.7 local communities to increase the number of quality child care providers to support economic  
1.8 development. Fifty percent of grant money must go to communities located outside the  
1.9 seven-county metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision  
1.10 2.

1.11 (b) Grant recipients must obtain a 50 percent nonstate match to grant money in either  
1.12 cash or in-kind contribution, unless the commissioner waives the requirement. Grant money  
1.13 available under this subdivision must be used to implement projects to reduce the child care  
1.14 shortage in the state, including but not limited to funding for child care business start-ups  
1.15 or expansion, training, facility modifications, direct subsidies or incentives to retain  
1.16 employees, or improvements required for licensing, and assistance with licensing and other  
1.17 regulatory requirements. In awarding grants, the commissioner must give priority to  
1.18 communities that have demonstrated a shortage of child care providers.

1.19 (c) Within one year of receiving grant money, grant recipients must report to the  
1.20 commissioner on the outcomes of the grant program, including but not limited to the number  
1.21 of new providers, the number of additional child care provider jobs created, the number of  
1.22 additional child care slots, and the amount of cash and in-kind local money invested. Within  
1.23 one month of all grant recipients reporting on program outcomes, the commissioner must  
1.24 report the grant recipients' outcomes to the chairs and ranking members of the legislative  
1.25 committees with jurisdiction over early learning and child care and economic development."

- 2.1 Renumber the sections in sequence
- 2.2 Amend the title accordingly