

Subject Economic development policy omnibus

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Overview

This bill as amended is the Economic Development policy omnibus bill. It includes language from the following bills: H.F. 1781, H.F. 1783, H.F. 1922, and H.F. 2233.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	[116J.015] Expiration of report mandates.
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Sets default rules for when the commissioner of employment and economic development can stop providing legislatively mandated reports that have no final report date defined by statute. Sets an end date of:

- January 1, 2024, for annual reports enacted before January 1, 2022;
- January 1, 2025, for biennial or less frequent reports enacted before January 1, 2022;
- three years after the date of enactment for annual reports enacted on or after January 1, 2022; and
- five years after the date of enactment for biennial or less frequent reports enacted on or after January 1, 2022.

Requires the commissioner to submit an annual list of all reports set to expire in the following calendar year to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction.

Effective date: This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2	Development authority.
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Adds federally recognized Tribes to the definition of “development authority” for the contamination cleanup program.

3	Municipality.
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Adds federally recognized Tribes to the definition of “municipality” for the contamination cleanup program.

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4	<p>Pathways program.</p> <p>Makes language about participating businesses in the pathways program consistent.</p>
5	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Makes a stylistic change to the definition of a “displaced homemaker.”</p>
6	<p>Explore Minnesota Tourism Council.</p> <p>Adds seven voting members to the Explore Minnesota Tourism Council, increasing the membership from 28 to 35, by adding one representative of each of the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ statewide associations of craft beverage establishments;▪ chambers of commerce for underrepresented communities;▪ Tribal nations;▪ arts and culture businesses;▪ sports businesses;▪ outdoor recreation businesses; and▪ tourism business owners from underrepresented communities.
7	<p>[298.2216] Giants Ridge account.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Account established. Establishes the Giants Ridge account in the state treasury consisting of state appropriations and funds dedicated by the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, as well as private contributions, gifts, grants, interest, and profits from investment.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines terms related to the account.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Use of funds. Allows the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation to use income from investment of account principal for capital expenditures, facility operations, and routine or long-term maintenance of the commercial, state-owned assets within the Giants Ridge Recreation Area. Forbids transfer or use of account funds for any other purpose without specific legislative authorization. Gives the commissioner authority to approve or deny expenditure of funds in the account and allows payment of investment management fees.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Appropriation. Appropriates income from investment of account principal to the commissioner for use under subdivision 3. Allows the commissioner to request appropriations from the principal in the account for capital expenditures under subdivision 3 if in the best interest of the agency.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Investment. Directs funds in the account to be invested by the State Board of Investment.</p>

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Effective date: This section is effective the day following final enactment.

8	Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation; authorization of separation and retention incentive programs.
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Allows the commissioner of Iron Range resources and rehabilitation to provide voluntary separation and retention incentive programs for employees of the agency out of funds available to the agency, effective the day following final enactment until December 31, 2024, when this section is repealed. Requires the provisions of these programs to be consistent with similar past incentives offered by the agency.



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