

**Subject** Employment and economic development policy changes

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## Overview

This bill is the Department of Employment and Economic Development's request for policy changes. It makes a number of technical tweaks and allows the agency to discontinue two reports to the legislature after making a final submission.

## Summary

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1	<b>Appointment.</b>
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Allows the commissioner of employment and economic development to designate someone to serve on the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board in the commissioner's place.

2	<b>Inventory of economic development programs.</b>
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Removes the requirement to provide the legislature with an inventory of all economic development and workforce development programs every two years that includes specific listed details, after the report due January 15, 2026, is submitted.

According to the Department of Employment and Economic Development's most recent legislatively mandated report on mandated reports and their usefulness, this biennial inventory of all programs is completely duplicative of the annual reports the agency already produces and so should be eliminated.

3	<b>Workforce program net impact analysis.</b>
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Eliminates the workforce program net impact analysis requirement after the submission of the report required on January 15, 2025.

The workforce program net impact analysis requirement is for a report to the legislature every four years of a net impact study on workforce services provided by the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Past editions of this report have shown that generally participants in workforce programs have better employment outcomes, including increases in earnings, versus a comparison group

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	that did not receive services, but that the external economic landscape has a significant role in determining those outcomes.
4	<b>Blind, vending facilities on governmental property; liability limited.</b> Makes technical changes to how the vending points run by blind persons are described, changing “stands and machines” to “facilities” throughout.
5	<b>Use of revolving fund, licenses for operation of vending facilities.</b> Makes technical changes to how the vending points run by blind persons are described, changing “stands” and “machine” to “facility” or “facilities” throughout.



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