



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION
OF WORKFORCE BOARDS**

Legislative Updates

Jobseekers Services Committee

5/24/23

General Overview

- Budget completed on time!
- DFL Trifecta worked with a \$17.5B surplus—mostly one-time money
- Record 6,000 bills introduced

MAWB Priorities

- Increase Minnesota Youth Program Funding
- Business Services
- Adults with high barriers to employment
- Protect Workforce Development Fund

Final Jobs Bill

- \$10M Drive for Five Program each year (*technology, labor, caring professions, manufacturing, and educational and professional services*)
 - Trade associations and chambers
 - Business services reps
- \$25M Targeted Population Workforce Program each year
 - Employment and training grants for small CBOs serving diverse or low-income communities
 - Includes DEI training for businesses
- \$10M Digital Tools
- \$8.5M Minnesota Youth Program each year
- Office of New Americans
- Many direct allocations
- Level funded: P2P and RC3

Other Items Passed

- North Star Promise—free tuition for families making less than 80k
- \$100M for Broadband
- \$200M for Human Services Systems Modernization
- Increased investments in childcare
- Cannabis legalization
- Paid Family and Medical Leave

What's Next?

- DEED will be working on executing grants
- Opportunities for local boards:
 - Drive for Five
 - Partnering with Chambers/Trade Associations for job placement
 - Partnering with CBOs on Targeted Populations
 - Working with DEED on BSR roles

Looking Ahead

- 2024 Session is Policy Focused—MAWB is looking to focus on the state dislocated work program



Shameless Plug: Register for the summer conference!



Questions?

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