

S.F. No. 1566 – Energy Transition Legacy Office Establishment

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Section 1. Energy Transition Legacy Office. Establishes the Energy Transition Legacy Office within the Department of Employment and Economic Development to serve impacted communities and workers through energy power plant retirements. Specifies that the director of the office is appointed by the governor. Provides the duties of the office for support of impacted communities and workers, the community energy transition grant program, and the work of the advisory committee, among other responsibilities. Requires the office to submit an annual report by January 15, 2023, and each year thereafter, on: (1) the timing and location of facility closures and job layoffs, and data on the individual impacts on workers, businesses, and impacted communities; (2) suggested policy to support impacted communities and workers; (3) information on the administration of the utility transition aid program; and (4) updates on implementation of the Minnesota energy transition legacy plan.

Section 2. Energy Transition Legacy Advisory Committee. Establishes the Energy Transition Legacy Advisory Committee to develop and recommend a statewide energy transition legacy plan. Specifies membership of the 21-member advisory committee. Requires appointments to be made by August 1, 2021, and the first meeting of the advisory committee to be convened by the commissioner of employment and economic development by September 1, 2021. Provides that the advisory committee expires the day after the energy transition legacy plan is submitted to the legislature and the governor.

Section 3. Minnesota Energy Transition Legacy Plan. Requires the Energy Transition Legacy Advisory Committee to submit a statewide energy transition legacy plan to the governor and the legislature by July 1, 2022. Provides the elements to be included in the plan.

Section 4. Appropriation. Appropriates \$450,000 in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for the Energy Transition Legacy Office.