

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; creating a task force to analyze and plan for
1.3 an economy that advances the environmental and energy policies of the state;
1.4 appropriating money.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **GREEN ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Task force.** (a) A Green Economy Transformation Task Force is
1.8 created to advise and assist the governor and legislature regarding activities to transform
1.9 the state's economy, and to develop a statewide action plan as provided under subdivision
1.10 2. The task force shall consist of:

1.11 (1) three legislators from the house of representatives, including one minority
1.12 caucus member, appointed by the speaker, and three legislators from the senate, including
1.13 one minority caucus member, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the
1.14 Committee on Rules and Administration;

1.15 (2) six representatives from state agencies and institutions appointed by the
1.16 governor, including one member from the Office of Energy Security, one member from
1.17 the Department of Employment and Economic Security, one member from the Job Skills
1.18 Partnership Board, one member from the University of Minnesota, one member from
1.19 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and one additional member;

1.20 (3) three members from the private sector, appointed by the governor, including one
1.21 member representing the utility industry, one member representing financial institutions,
1.22 and one member representing venture capital; and

2.1 (4) three members from the private sector, appointed by the cochair, including one
2.2 member representing labor, one member representing manufacturing, and one additional
2.3 member.

2.4 A cochair shall be named from among the legislative members by the appointing
2.5 authority of each legislative body.

2.6 (b) The Department of Employment and Economic Development shall provide
2.7 staff support to the task force. The task force may accept outside resources to help
2.8 support its efforts.

2.9 Subd. 2. **Duties.** (a) By January 15, 2009, the task force shall develop and present to
2.10 the legislature and the governor a statewide action plan, including necessary legislation
2.11 and budget requests, for transforming the economic system of the state to respond to and
2.12 benefit from the environmental and energy policies of the state contained in the:

2.13 (1) renewable energy standard in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1691,
2.14 subdivision 2a;

2.15 (2) energy conservation requirement in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.241,
2.16 subdivision 1c;

2.17 (3) greenhouse gas emission reduction goals in Minnesota Statutes, section 216H.02,
2.18 subdivision 1;

2.19 (4) Clean Water Legacy Act in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 114D; and

2.20 (5) biofuels 25 by 2025 initiative in Minnesota Statutes, sections 41A.10, subdivision
2.21 2, and 41A.11.

2.22 (b) The plan may consist of legislative actions, administrative actions of
2.23 governmental entities, collaborative actions, and actions of individuals and individual
2.24 organizations. The plan must be developed following the analysis described in this
2.25 paragraph and must be based on the analysis. The analysis must include:

2.26 (1) a market analysis of the business opportunities and needs created by the laws
2.27 enumerated in paragraph (a), including local, state, national, and international markets;

2.28 (2) an analysis of the labor force needs related to the market analysis opportunities
2.29 identified in clause (1), including educational, training, and retraining needs; and

2.30 (3) an inventory of the current labor and business assets available to respond to the
2.31 opportunities identified in clause (1) and the labor needs identified in clause (2).

2.32 The task force shall contract for the analysis required by this paragraph.

2.33 (c) The task force expires June 30, 2009.

2.34 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

S.F. No. 3540, 1st Engrossment - 2007-2008th Legislative Session (2007-2008)

- 3.1 \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the commissioner
3.2 of commerce for the purpose of section 1.