

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

**Minnesota**

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**2015 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Representative Debra Kiel

Representative Jim Nash

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**Priority Issues**

1. Job training and apprenticeships
2. Light manufacturing and technology business incubators
3. Transportation

**Specific Action Item(s) and Timeline**

- Priority Issue 1: Job training and apprenticeships
  - Revamp Representative Kiel's bill (750/751—enabling tax credits for job creation)a
  - Incorporating Results First model
    - Benchmarks in bills
  - Plan to be introduced in March 2016
- Priority Issue 2:
  - Research other light manufacturing incubators
    - What exists? Where? Funding streams? Who owns/runs these?
    - Technology, job creation, and training
- Priority Issue 3: Transportation
  - Transportation gap analysis
  - Accessing transportation data
  - Talk to districts/mayors
  - Pull transportation data and analyze
  - Transportation committee
  - Request hearing
  - Making contact with Chair Kelly and Joe Marble

**Next Steps**

- Gathering research on transportation and business incubation
- Revamping Representative Kiel's bill

**Responsibilities**

- Representative Kiel
  - Revamp of previous bill
  - Making contact with Senator Tomassoni
- Representative Nash

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- Looking at priority issue 2 (incubation of light manufacturing and technology businesses)
- Contact with Senator Dziejic
- Both Rep Kiel and Rep Nash
  - Transportation research and information gathering
  - Reaching out to other districts
  - Researching own district
  - Gathering information on what similar states and cities do in regard to transportation
    - MPO/MSA data

### Information and Services

- Research on incubation programs that actually work
- Transportation data
  - Milwaukee, Des Moines, Omaha, Lincoln, Indianapolis, etc.

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