Supplemental Budget Recommendations

Department of Employment and Economic Development
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- **Office of New Americans - $470,000**

  - Establish an office focused on supporting immigrant and refugee integration, reducing barriers to employment, and improving connections between employers and job seekers

  - New Americans are essential to the state’s employment challenges and economic growth
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• Establish Office of Ombudsperson for the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers - $255,000

  • Would address some of the long-standing problems these workers traditionally face in a centralized way
    • Would work across state agencies and with stakeholders
  • Office would also address recommendations from the Governor’s Committee on the Safety, Health, and Wellbeing of Agricultural and Food Processing Workers
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• Fund the Extension of the Agricultural Worker Wellness Committee - $252,000
  • Committee originally formed in response to COVID-19 exposing many challenges of ag workers
    • Diverse group of stakeholders represents agricultural employer organizations, unions, advocacy organizations and Minnesota State Departments
Questions?