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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



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Questions?