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Three-dozen House members appointed to jobs task force Published (8/20/2009)

A group charged with creating a jobs plan that can be passed in the 2010 legislative session will get plenty of member's opinions.

House Speaker Margaret Anderson Kelliher (DFL-Mpls) announced the appointment of 36 members to the Minnesota House Jobs Task Force, which, according to a [news release](#), "will focus on economic development, capital investments and tax policies that will create significant job growth for Minnesotans." The group is expected to begin meeting in September.

"We received some encouraging news today as Minnesota's unemployment rate actually dropped a bit, but we know job recovery is often one of the latest indicators to rebound in a recession," Kelliher said. "That is why we will continue to make job creation a top priority in the Minnesota House."

The task force will be co-chaired by Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul), chair of the House Capital Investment Finance Division; Rep. Ann Lenczewski (DFL-Bloomington), chair of the House Taxes Committee; and Rep. Tom Rukavina (DFL-Virginia), chair of the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Finance and Policy Division.

Other task force members are:

- Rep. Sarah Anderson (R-Plymouth)
- Rep. Karla Bigham (DFL-Cottage Grove)
- Rep. Robin Brown (DFL-Moscow Township)
- Rep. Mark Buesgens (R-Jordan)
- Rep. Lyndon Carlson (DFL-Crystal)
- Rep. Randy Demmer (R-Hayfield)
- Rep. Denise Dittrich (DFL-Champlin)
- Rep. Keith Downey (R-Edina)
- Rep. Patti Fritz (DFL-Faribault)
- Rep. Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont)
- Rep. Jeff Hayden (DFL-Mpls)
- Rep. Larry Howes (R-Walker)
- Rep. Gail Kulick Jackson (DFL-Milaca)
- Rep. Al Juhnke (DFL-Willmar)
- Rep. Jeremy Kalin (DFL-North Branch)
- Rep. Diane Loeffler (DFL-Mpls)
- Rep. Tim Mahoney (DFL-St. Paul)
- Rep. Sandra Masin (DFL-Eagan)
- Rep. Carol McFarlane (R-White Bear Lake)
- Rep. Denny McNamara (R-Hastings)
- Rep. Terry Morrow (DFL-St. Peter)
- Rep. Joe Mullery (DFL-Mpls)
- Rep. Michael Nelson (DFL-Brooklyn Park)
- Rep. Kim Norton (DFL-Rochester)
- Rep. Mike Obermueller (DFL-Eagan)
- Rep. Michael Paymar (DFL-St. Paul)
- Rep. Paul Rosenthal (DFL-Edina)
- Rep. Bev Scaize (DFL-Little Canada)
- House Majority Leader Tony Sertich (DFL-Chisholm)
- Rep. Linda Slocum (DFL-Richfield)
- Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Grand Rapids)
- Rep. Phil Sterner (DFL-Rosemount)
- Rep. Jean Wagenius (DFL-Mpls)