

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1543 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 145.928, is amended by adding a
1.4 subdivision to read:

1.5 **Subd. 15. Technical assistance for organizations pursuing promising strategies.**

1.6 For all grants awarded under this section to an organization pursuing promising strategies,
1.7 as described in subdivision 7, paragraph (d), clause (2), or subdivision 8, paragraph (d),
1.8 clause (2), the commissioner shall provide grant recipients with technical assistance for
1.9 capacity building support, including, as determined by the commissioner, one or more of
1.10 the following:

- 1.11 (1) programmatic assessment and evaluation;
- 1.12 (2) working capital payments;
- 1.13 (3) assistance or training on organizational and board governance; and
- 1.14 (4) financial management and reporting assistance.

1.15 **Sec. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

1.16 (a) The commissioner of health shall establish a pilot program between one or more
1.17 federally qualified health centers, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9269,
1.18 Isuroon, a Somali-based women's organization, and the Minnesota Evaluation Studies
1.19 Institute. The pilot project is established to develop a promising strategy to address the
1.20 preventative and primary health care needs and address health inequities experienced by
1.21 first generation Somali women. The pilot will collaboratively develop a patient flow
1.22 process for first generation Somali women by:

- 1.23 (1) addressing and identifying clinical and cultural barriers to Somali women
1.24 accessing preventative and primary care, including, but not limited to, cervical and breast
1.25 cancer screenings;

2.1 (2) developing a culturally appropriate health curriculum for Somali women based on
2.2 the outcomes from the community-based participatory research report "Cultural Traditions
2.3 and the Reproductive Health of Somali Refugees and Immigrants" to increase the health
2.4 literacy of Somali women and develop culturally specific health care information; and

2.5 (3) train the federally qualified health center's providers and staff to enhance
2.6 provider and staff cultural competence regarding the cultural barriers, including female
2.7 genital cutting.

2.8 (b) The pilot will develop a process that results in increased screening rates
2.9 for cervical and breast cancer and can be replicated by other providers serving
2.10 ethnic-minorities. The pilot will conduct an evaluation of the new patient flow process
2.11 used by Somali women to access federally qualified health centers services.

2.12 (c) The pilot will report the outcomes to the commissioner by June 30, 2017.

2.13 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.14 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
2.15 the general fund to the commissioner of health for the pilot program in section 2. These
2.16 appropriations are available until expended."

2.17 Delete the title and insert:

2.18 "A bill for an act
2.19 relating to health; establishing a pilot program for health access for minority
2.20 women; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section
2.21 145.928, by adding a subdivision."