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## Summary

Project ECHO (extension for community health outcomes) is a telemonitoring program aimed at expanding the capacity to treat opioid and substance use disorders and other health conditions in primary care settings.

This bill appropriates \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to Hennepin Healthcare to expand the Project ECHO program. The grants would fund at least four additional substance use disorder-focused Project ECHO programs that must be culturally responsive, and Hennepin Healthcare would be required to contract with culturally and linguistically appropriate service providers. Hennepin Healthcare may also use grant funds for program administration, equipment, provider reimbursement, and staffing hours.