

Subject Skin lightening products public awareness and education program

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### Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to issue grants for public awareness and education activities about the health dangers of using skin lightening products and other products that contain mercury.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Skin lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</b></p> <p>Requires the commissioner of health to establish a skin lightening products public awareness and education grant program, specifies organizations eligible for and prioritized for grants, and specifies how grant funds must be used.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose.</b> Requires the commissioner of health to develop a grant program to increase public awareness and education on the dangers of using skin lightening creams and products that contain mercury.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Grants authorized.</b> Directs the commissioner to award grants using a request for proposal process to community-based, nonprofit organizations that focus on public health outreach to Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities on issues of chemical exposure from skin lightening products, and requires the commissioner to prioritize organizations that have historically served ethnic communities on this issue for the past three years.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Grant allocation.</b> Requires grant recipients to use grant funds for public awareness and education activities on the listed topics. Lists information a grant application must include.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Appropriation.</b></p> <p>Makes blank appropriations in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the skin lightening products public awareness and education grant program.</p>   |



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