

# HOUSE RESEARCH

## Bill Summary

**FILE NUMBER:** H.F. 434  
**Version:** First engrossment

**DATE:** February 2, 2009

**Authors:** Laine

**Subject:** Doula Services

**Analyst:** Emily Cleveland, 651.296.5808

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: [www.house.mn/hrd](http://www.house.mn/hrd).

---

### Overview

**This bill would modify current definitions of “certified doula” and “doula services.”**

#### Section

- 1 Certified doula.** Amends § 148.995, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of “certified doula” to include persons certified by the International Center for Traditional Childbearing.
- 2 Doula services.** Amends § 148.995, subd. 4. Modifies the definition of “doula services.” Clarifies that “doula services” means continuous emotional and physical support during labor and birth and intermittent support during prenatal and postpartum periods.