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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill creates a grant program run by the commissioner of health to create culturally targeted tobacco prevention programs and provides an appropriation from the general fund for the administration of the grants.

Section

1 Culturally targeted tobacco prevention grants. Adds § 144.3965.

Subd. 1. State community partnership plan. Requires the commissioner of health to partner with culturally based community organizations and federally recognized tribal governments that reflect communities disproportionately impacted by tobacco to develop and implement a plan to reduce health disparities in tobacco-related illness.

Subd. 2. Measurable outcomes. Requires the commissioner to consult with the community organizations and develop measurable outcomes to determine the effectiveness of the grants.

Subd. 3. Tobacco prevention grants. (a) Requires the commissioner to award grants to programs aimed at reducing tobacco use and illness in listed communities.

(b) Requires the commissioner to ensure a grant applicant's proposed project demonstrates: (1) support of the community; (2) coordination with other health initiatives; (3) reflection of culturally appropriate approaches; (4) incorporation of the community's role in influencing change; and (5) leverage of existing community assets.

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(c) Lists eligible applicants and application requirements and priority.

2 **Appropriation.** Provides for an appropriation from the general fund in fiscal years 2014 and 2015.