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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to award grant funding and to create two task forces to address health disparities in minority populations. This bill also appropriates money for research on minority women's health disparities and the planning and conducting of a training conference on immigrant and refugee mental health issues.

#### Section

- 1 Minority run health care professional associations.** Amends § 145.928 by adding subdivision 7a. Requires the commissioner of health to award grants to minority run health care professional associations to achieve listed goals.
- 2 Health care disparities task force.** Requires the commissioner of health to appoint members to an advisory task force to research ways to eradicate health care disparities by increasing diversity among medical providers. Requires the task force to complete certain tasks, including, but not limited to, identifying possible funding sources. Requires the task force to submit recommendations to the commissioner of health and requires the commissioner to report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction by December 31, 2014.
- 3 Health priorities of minority communities task force.** Requires the commissioner of health to appoint members to an advisory task force to research the current health care needs of minority communities and set priorities for meeting those needs. Requires the task force to review data and conduct listening sessions with minority community members.

**Section**

- 4**      **Appropriation; women's health equity.** Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for grants to community-based organizations for research to address women's health inequities for minority women. Specifies the purpose of the research and requirements. Requires a report to the relevant legislative committees by January 15, 2016. States this is a one time appropriation and is available until the funds are expended.
- 5**      **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$75,000 in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for planning and conducting a training conference on immigrant and refugee mental health issues and provides for conference requirements.