

**Subject** Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing

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## Overview

This bill appropriates \$450,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$450,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the telecommunications access Minnesota fund to the commissioner of human services to supplement the ongoing operational expenses of the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing. This appropriation is added to the base.

The Commission members are appointed by the governor for a four-year term. The Commission serves as the principal agency of the state to advocate on behalf of Minnesotans who are deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing by working to ensure those persons have equal access to the services, programs, and opportunities available to others.