

Subject Pharmacogenomics task force established

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## Overview

The bill requests the University of Minnesota establish a temporary pharmacogenomics task force, which would expire on June 30, 2021. The task force would analyze strategies to promote research and deployment of pharmacogenomics, and submit a report to the legislature.

## Summary

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1	<b>Pharmacogenomics (PGx) task force.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Requests the University of Minnesota to establish a pharmacogenomics task force. The task force would assess the current availability of pharmacogenomics statewide and develop recommendations for making pharmacogenomics available.

Defines pharmacogenomics as a “determination of how variation in an individual’s genetic information influences whether a medication and dose is most suitable for that patient.”

**Subd. 2. Membership.** Establishes task force board including 16 members of the public and four members of the legislature. Describes requirements for the public members. Requires public membership to reflect an equitable statewide representation and representation from diverse groups in the state.

The board includes the commissioner of health as an ex-officio member.

Requires appointments be made by September 1, 2020. Sets term lengths at one year.

**Subd. 3. Meetings.** Requires the Board of Regents to convene the first meeting by October 1, 2020. Other meetings would be held at the call of the chair.

**Subd. 4. Duties.** Describes the task force’s duties. The task force must:

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- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of strategies to implement pharmacogenomics.
- Determine the education needs of the health care workforce.
- Solicit input from the public on its readiness to adopt pharmacogenomics.
- Consider the needs and perspectives of underrepresented communities.
- Develop recommendations to diffuse pharmacogenomics practice, necessary education, evaluating the benefits of pharmacogenomics, and building capacity for research on pharmacogenomics.

**Subd. 5. Conflict of interest.** Subjects task force members to the Board of Regents policy on conflicts of interest.

**Subd. 6. Report required.** Requires a legislative report on the activities of the task force by June 30, 2021. The report must include the task force's goals and outcomes achieved.

**Subd. 7. Expiration.** States that the task force expires on June 30, 2021.

2 **Appropriation**

Appropriates \$250,000 in fiscal year 2021 to the University of Minnesota for the pharmacogenomics task force. The appropriation is onetime.



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