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Subject Rare disease advisory council

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Overview

This bill requests that the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota establish a rare diseases advisory council at the university. A similar provision was included in Laws 2018, chapter 201, which was vetoed by the governor.

Summary

Section Description

1 Advisory council on rare diseases.

Adds § 137.68. Requests the establishment of an advisory council on rare diseases at the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Requests that the Board of Regents establish a Chloe Barnes Advisory Council on Rare Diseases at the University of Minnesota. Defines rare disease as any disease (1) that affects less than 200,000 people in the U.S., or (2) that affects more than 200,000 people in the U.S. and for which the cost of developing and making available a drug for that disease would not be recovered from the U.S. sales of that drug.

Subd. 2. Membership. Lists suggested advisory council membership.

Subd. 3. Meetings. Requests the first meeting of the advisory council to occur by October 1, 2019, and requires it to meet at the call of the chair or the request of a majority of the council members.

Subd. 4. Duties. Lists permitted duties for the advisory council.

Subd. 5. Conflicts of interest. Makes advisory council members subject to the Board of Regents policy on conflicts of interest.

Subd. 6. Annual report. Requires the advisory council to annually report to certain legislative committees on the council's activities and other issues on which it chooses to report.

Section Description

2 Appropriation.

Makes a \$150,000 appropriation in each year of the biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for transfer to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the advisory council on rare diseases.



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