

H.F. 3928

As introduced

Subject Health Department advisory councils and committees

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### **Overview**

This bill modifies membership of the Health Department's e-Health Advisory Committee and eliminates its expiration date, modifies membership of the Rural Health Advisory Committee, and establishes an Advisory Council on Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities and a Health Equity Advisory and Leadership Council.

# **Summary**

### **Section Description**

#### 1 E-Health Advisory Committee.

Amends § 62J.495, subd. 2. Adds representatives of tribal nations to membership of the e-Health Advisory Committee; strikes a reference to federal law requiring consultation with specific groups in awarding grants to promote health information technology; and strikes an expiration date for the advisory committee.

# 2 Advisory Council on Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Adds § 115.7412. Establishes an Advisory Council on Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities to advise the commissioners of health and PCA on classification of water supply systems and wastewater treatment facilities, qualifications and competency evaluations of system and facility operators, and other laws and procedures needed to regulate these systems and facilities. Lists membership of the advisory council, requires at least two members to be from outside the seven-county metro area, and requires one member to come from the Metropolitan Council. Provides that terms, compensation, and removal of members are governed by section 15.059. When new members are appointed, requires a chair to be elected at the next meeting, and requires the Health Department representative to serve as secretary.

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### 3 Establishment; membership.

Amends § 144.1481, subd. 1. Modifies the membership of the Rural Health Advisory Committee, by:

- requiring one member to be an advanced practice professional, rather than a midlevel practitioner;
- adding the following six members: an oral health professional, a member of a
  tribal nation, a representative of a local public health agency or community
  health board, a health professional or advocate who works with people with
  mental illness, a representative of a community organization that works with
  people experiencing health disparities, and a person with expertise in
  economic development or an employer working outside the seven-county
  metro; and
- allowing a consumer member to be from a community experiencing health disparities.

### 4 Health Equity Advisory and Leadership (HEAL) Council.

Adds § 145.9231. Establishes the advisory council, specifies membership and duties, establishes requirements for organization of the council and meetings, and requires the advisory council to remain in existence until health inequities are eliminated.

**Subd. 1. Establishment; composition of advisory council.** Directs the commissioner of health to establish the HEAL Council to advise the commissioner on strengthening and improving the health of communities most impacted by health inequities in the state. Requires the council to consist of 18 members from the listed groups.

**Subd. 2. Organizations and meetings.** Requires the advisory council to be organized and administered under section 15.059, except members do not receive per diem compensation. Requires meetings to be held at least quarterly and allows subcommittees as necessary. Makes meetings subject to the open meeting law.

**Subd. 3. Duties.** Lists duties of the advisory council.

**Subd. 4. Expiration.** Provides that the advisory council shall remain in existence until health inequities in the state are eliminated, specifies how to determine when health inequities are considered eliminated, and requires consideration of the following disparities when determining if health inequities have been eliminated: infant mortality, breast and cervical cancer screening, HIV/AIDS and

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STIs, immunizations, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and accidental injuries and violence.



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