

**Subject** Tobacco use prevention and cessation

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### Overview

This bill appropriates \$15,000,000 each fiscal year from the general fund to the commissioner of health for tobacco use prevention and cessation activities.

## Summary

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1	<b>Appropriation; tobacco use prevention and cessation activities.</b>
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Appropriates \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for:

- projects consistent with the commissioner's duties to help workplaces develop nonsmoking policies; to provide technical assistance to local health departments and communities for nonsmoking programs; to collect and disseminate information on smoking prevention; to evaluate nonsmoking programs; to survey school populations regarding smoking behaviors and attitudes; and to provide reports to the legislature;
- a public information program that promotes nonsmoking and includes background survey research and evaluations;
- the development of health promotion and education materials about tobacco use prevention and cessation;
- tobacco use prevention activities that include assessing tobacco-related behaviors among youth, issuing statewide and local grants, and evaluating the projects funded; and
- statewide tobacco cessation services.

Requires the commissioner to prioritize preventing youth use of tobacco and electronic delivery devices, promote racial and health equity, and use evidence-based strategies or those based on promising practices.



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