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## **Overview**

This bill creates and funds a new caregiver support program to support those providing care to people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) who are living in the community. It also appropriates money for competitive grants to fund ALS research.

# **Summary**

Section Description

#### 1 Caregiver support programs.

Creates a new statutory program to allocate funds for caregivers.

**Subd. 1. Program goals.** States program goals for supporting family caregivers of persons with ALS living in the community.

**Subd. 2. Authority.** Requires the Board on Aging to allocate state funds to area agencies.

**Subd. 3. Caregiver support services.** Sets standards for area agencies' use of program funds.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires an annual report to the legislature on the program.

### 2 Appropriation; ALS research.

Appropriates \$20,000,000 to the Office of Higher Education for competitive grants to fund research on ALS. This is a onetime appropriation available until June 30, 2026. This section also provides guidance on administering the program and requires an annual report to the legislature.

#### Section Description

#### 3 Appropriation; caregiver support programs.

Appropriates \$5,000,000 for the Board on Aging for the caregiver support program under section 1 of the bill. This is a onetime appropriation available until June 30, 2026.



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