

Subject Study and report; cell and gene therapies to treat rare diseases

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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to study the state's capacity for rare disease cell and gene therapy research, development, delivery, and access and to submit a report to the legislature with findings from the study, recommendations for steps to take to help the state lead on rare disease cell and gene therapies, and funding opportunities to support implementation of the recommendations.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Study and report on activities to support innovations in cell and gene therapies to treat rare diseases.</p> <p>States legislative intent and state policy with regard to supporting advancement, commercialization, and clinical translation in the field of cell and gene therapy. Requires the commissioner of health, in consultation with the University of Minnesota, the Rare Disease Advisory Council, and stakeholders, to study the state's capacity for rare disease cell and gene therapy research and strategies to support innovations in this area. Lists topics the study must examine, and lists people and organizations with whom the commissioner must consult in performing the study. By January 1, 2028, requires the commissioner to report to the legislature on findings from the study, recommendations for steps to support the state in leading on rare disease cell and gene therapies, and funding opportunities to support implementation of the recommendations.</p>
2	<p>Appropriation.</p> <p>Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for a study and report on activities to support innovation in rare disease cell and gene therapies, and specifies this is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2028.</p>



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