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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

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A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; providing funds to eliminate health disparities of first

1.3 generation Somali women in Minnesota; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY.**

1.6 \$250,000 is appropriated from the general fund in fiscal year 2015 to a Somali

1.7 woman-led prevention health care agency located in Minnesota. This agency must use

1.8 community-based participatory research to address women's health inequities experienced

1.9 by first generation Somali women and provide services through culturally specific, Somali

1.10 women-centered programs in order to improve and increase women's access to maternal

1.11 health programs, access to preventive care, reduce infant mortality, and increase health

1.12 literacy. This agency must develop a methodology to measure program outcomes.