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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a rural hospital

1.3 maternity training competitive grant program; requiring reports.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; RURAL HOSPITAL MATERNITY TRAINING**

1.6 **GRANTS.**

1.7 \$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the workforce development fund to the

1.8 commissioner of employment and economic development for a competitive grant program

1.9 to provide training to maintain maternity units in rural hospitals. Grants may be provided

1.10 to eligible rural hospitals and higher education institutions for developing and deploying

1.11 cross-training programs to provide medical personnel with the skills necessary for rural

1.12 maternity services. For purposes of this appropriation, "eligible rural hospital" means any

1.13 nonfederal, general acute care hospital located in a community with a population of less

1.14 than 30,000 according to United States Census bureau statistics, outside the seven-county

1.15 metropolitan area. By January 15, 2028, the commissioner must report to the chairs and

1.16 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over workforce

1.17 development and hospitals detailing the use of grant money. The report must include the

1.18 amount awarded to each grantee, the number of staff trained, the occupation of staff trained,

1.19 feedback from grantees regarding the impact of the grant and how the grant program could

1.20 be improved, and the number and amount of grant requests not fulfilled. As a condition of

1.21 receiving a grant, a grantee must agree to provide the commissioner any information

1.22 necessary to complete the report required under this section. This is a onetime appropriation.