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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring education outreach and public awareness campaign
1.3 relating to uterine fibroids; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 144.

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

1.6 Section 1. [144.6911] UTERINE FIBROID OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS
1.7 CAMPAIGN.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Uterine fibroid outreach and public awareness campaigns. The
1.9 commissioner of health shall develop a grant program to promote a uterine fibroid education
1.10 outreach program and a public awareness campaign that encompasses information on the
1.11 risks associated with uterine fibroids and the treatments that are available that are an
1.12 alternative to hysterectomy.

1.13 Subd. 2. Uterine fibroid education outreach program. (a) The commissioner of health
1.14 shall develop and disseminate to the public information pertaining to uterine fibroids,
1.15 including information on:

1.16 (1) the incidence and prevalence of uterine fibroids among individuals and those of
1.17 diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds;

1.18 (2) the risk factors associated with developing uterine fibroids; and

1.19 (3) the availability, as medically appropriate, of the range of treatment options for
1.20 symptomatic uterine fibroids, including treatments and procedures other than hysterectomy.

2.1 (b) In developing the education outreach program, information must be sought from  
2.2 health care providers on the approaches to treating uterine fibroids that constitute  
2.3 evidence-based care.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Public awareness campaign.** (a) The commissioner of health shall develop  
2.5 partnerships with nonprofit organizations, consumer groups, institutions of higher education,  
2.6 and local private entities to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to  
2.7 disseminate information on uterine fibroids, risks associated with uterine fibroids, and  
2.8 treatment options available including drugs and devices other than hysterectomy that are  
2.9 approved by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

2.10 (b) The public awareness campaign shall include awareness-raising activities such as  
2.11 training, outreach events that include culturally specific events, social media and virtual  
2.12 events, issuing press releases, briefings and commentaries, disseminating reports, and  
2.13 multichannel marketing strategies.

2.14 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION FOR UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH**  
2.15 **AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

2.16 \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.17 of health for grants to implement the program in section 1. This is a onetime appropriation  
2.18 and yearly funding thereafter shall be \$100,000.