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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to human services; establishing grants for culturally competent supports  
1.3 and resources related to well-being and long-term services and supports;  
1.4 appropriating money.

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

1.6 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HEALTH AWARENESS HUB PILOT PROJECT.**

1.7 \$575,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.8 of human services for a grant to the Organization for Liberians in Minnesota for a health  
1.9 awareness hub pilot project. The pilot project must seek to address health care education  
1.10 and the physical and mental wellness needs of elderly individuals within the African  
1.11 immigrant community by offering culturally relevant support, resources, and preventive  
1.12 care education from medical practitioners who have a similar background, and making  
1.13 appropriate referrals to culturally competent programs, supports, and medical care. Within  
1.14 six months of the conclusion of the pilot project, the Organization for Liberians in Minnesota  
1.15 must provide the commissioner with an evaluation of the project as determined by the  
1.16 commissioner. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; CHAPTER 245D COMPLIANCE SUPPORT GRANT.**

1.18 \$450,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
1.19 of human services for a grant to Equitable Development Action to support minority providers  
1.20 licensed under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245D, as intensive support services providers  
1.21 to build skills and the infrastructure needed to increase the quality of services provided to  
1.22 the people they serve while complying with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, chapter

- 2.1 245D, and to enable the providers to accept clients with high behavioral needs. This is a
- 2.2 onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.