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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a pilot grant program for outreach to communities
1.3 of color and other under-represented minority groups who are or may be afflicted
1.4 with dementia but are not yet diagnosed; appropriating money for health outreach
1.5 grants and specific education activities.

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

1.7 Section 1. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
1.8 ON DEMENTIA; MINORITY GROUPS.

1.9 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms
1.10 have the meanings given.

1.11 (b) "Dementia" means a condition ascribed within the brain that leads to confusion,
1.12 lack of focus, and decreased memory.

1.13 (c) "Education activities" means providing materials related to dementia in ethnic
1.14 specific languages through materials including, but not limited to, Web sites, brochures,
1.15 flyers, and other similar vehicles.

1.16 (d) "Minority populations" means racial and ethnic groups including, but not limited
1.17 to, African Americans, Native Americans, Hmong, Asians, and other similar groups.

1.18 (e) "Outreach" means the active pursuit of people within the minority groups
1.19 through specific and targeted activities to contact individuals who may not regularly
1.20 be contacted by health care professionals.

1.21 Subd. 2. Grants; administration. Grant applicants shall submit applications
1.22 to the commissioner of health as directed by a request for proposals. Grants must be
1.23 competitively awarded and recipients of a grant under this section must prepare and
1.24 submit a quarterly progress report to the commissioner beginning three months after
1.25 receipt of the grant. The commissioner shall provide technical assistance and program

2.1 support as needed to ensure that minority individuals with dementia are effectively
2.2 identified, mitigated, and evaluated by grantees.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Education and training grant; eligible activities.** (a) Within the limits of
2.4 available appropriations, the commissioner shall make a grant to a nonprofit organization
2.5 with expertise in providing outreach, education, and training on dementia, Alzheimers,
2.6 and other related disabilities within specific minority and under-represented groups.

2.7 (b) The grantee must conduct the following activities:

2.8 (1) providing and making available educational materials to the general public
2.9 as well as specific minority populations;

2.10 (2) promoting awareness of dementia related resources and educational materials; and

2.11 (3) promoting the use of materials within health care organizations.

2.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.13 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated
2.14 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for education and outreach grants
2.15 under section 1.