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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; directing the use of grant funds for activities relating to the  
1.3 planning of an American Indian focused birth center; appropriating money.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. AMERICAN INDIAN BIRTH CENTER PLANNING GRANT.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Appropriation. \$350,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2025 from the  
1.7 general fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to the Native American Community  
1.8 Clinic to plan for and engage the community in the development of an American Indian  
1.9 focused birth center to improve access to culturally centered prenatal and postpartum care  
1.10 with the goal of improving maternal and child health outcomes. This is a onetime  
1.11 appropriation.

1.12 Subd. 2. Use of funds. The Native American Community Clinic must use the grant funds  
1.13 to perform the following activities as part of the clinic's planning process for the American  
1.14 Indian focused birth center:

1.15 (1) identify and hire a project manager to lead the collaborative planning process across  
1.16 Birth Justice Collaborative partner agencies;

1.17 (2) engage diverse American Indian communities and leaders to outline key cultural  
1.18 care strategies to support the pregnancy, birth, and postpartum experience; and

1.19 (3) complete predesign development and planning, including:

1.20 (i) identifying the type of birth center;

1.21 (ii) identifying the birth center's key services and scope of work;

- 2.1 (iii) informing staffing and financing needs and strategies;
- 2.2 (iv) identifying potential partnerships with hospitals and health systems;
- 2.3 (v) identifying potential locations for new buildings or construction of existing spaces;
- 2.4 and
- 2.5 (vi) establishing an anticipated time for development.
- 2.6 Subd. 3. **Reporting.** By December 15, 2025, or 12 months after receiving the grant,
- 2.7 whichever is earlier, the Native American Community Clinic must submit a report to the
- 2.8 commissioner of health that:
- 2.9 (1) outlines the needs and plan for the development of an American Indian focused birth
- 2.10 center in Hennepin County;
- 2.11 (2) outlines potential state and public partnerships;
- 2.12 (3) outlines financing strategies; and
- 2.13 (4) provides an anticipated timeline for the birth center's development.