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Overview

This bill creates a pilot project, to be administered by the Department of Employment and Economic Development, for the licensure of foreign-trained health care professionals.

Section

- 1 Pilot project; licensure of foreign-trained health care professionals.** Requires the commissioner of employment and economic development (commissioner) to conduct a pilot project from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, to encourage the Minnesota licensure of foreign-trained health care professionals. Requires the commissioner to work with local workforce boards to award grants to foreign-trained health care professionals in an amount sufficient to cover: (1) the costs of taking a course to prepare for licensing examinations; and (2) the fee for taking licensing examinations. Requires the commissioner to consider, when awarding grants, whether a health care professional's training involves a medical specialty. Also directs the commissioner to establish additional criteria for grant awards. Requires the commissioner to submit a report evaluating the program's effectiveness to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment by October 1, 2007.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the commissioner for the pilot project in section 1.