

H.F. 269

As introduced

Subject HIV/AIDS prevention grants

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## **Overview**

This bill appropriates money to the commissioner of health as grants for HIV/AIDS prevention projects.

## **Summary**

## Section Description

## 1 HIV prevention grants.

Appropriates \$1 million each fiscal year from the general fund to the commissioner of health, to be distributed as grants to nonprofit organizations for projects to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The projects are to be targeted to communities at high risk for HIV infection and for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Requires grants to be awarded using a request for proposals process.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) currently distributes grants for HIV prevention projects that include HIV testing programs, syringe services programs, and early intervention services for populations disproportionately affected by HIV. MDH also provides links to training information, forms, educational materials, and other resources on its HIV prevention portal. Annual data on the incidence (reported HIV infections) and prevalence (persons living with HIV or AIDS) of HIV/AIDS and on deaths of persons with HIV or AIDS may be found on MDH's HIV/AIDS surveillance page.

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