

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1419 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[145.9275] SKIN-LIGHTENING PRODUCTS PUBLIC AWARENESS**
1.4 **AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Grant program.** The commissioner of health shall award grants through
1.6 a request for proposal process to community-based organizations that serve ethnic
1.7 communities and focus on public health outreach to Black and people of color communities
1.8 on the issues of colorism, skin-lightening products, and chemical exposures from these
1.9 products. Priority in awarding grants shall be given to organizations that have historically
1.10 provided services to ethnic communities on the skin-lightening and chemical exposure issue
1.11 for the past four years.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Uses of grant funds.** Grant recipients must use grant funds awarded under this
1.13 section to conduct public awareness and education activities that are culturally specific and
1.14 community-based and that focus on:

1.15 (1) increasing public awareness and providing education on the health dangers associated
1.16 with using skin-lightening creams and products that contain mercury and hydroquinone and
1.17 are manufactured in other countries, brought into this country, and sold illegally online or
1.18 in stores; the dangers of exposure to mercury through dermal absorption, inhalation,
1.19 hand-to-mouth contact, and contact with individuals who have used these skin-lightening
1.20 products; the health effects of mercury poisoning, including the permanent effects on the
1.21 central nervous system and kidneys; and the dangers to mothers and infants of using these
1.22 products or being exposed to these products during pregnancy and while breastfeeding;

1.23 (2) identifying products that contain mercury and hydroquinone by testing skin-lightening
1.24 products;

2.1 (3) developing a train the trainer curriculum to increase community knowledge and
 2.2 influence behavior changes by training community leaders, cultural brokers, community
 2.3 health workers, and educators;

2.4 (4) continuing to build the self-esteem and overall wellness of young people who are
 2.5 using skin-lightening products or are at risk of starting the practice of skin lightening; and

2.6 (5) building the capacity of community-based organizations to continue to combat
 2.7 skin-lightening practices and chemical exposure.

2.8 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; SKIN-LIGHTENING PRODUCTS PUBLIC**
 2.9 **AWARENESS AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.10 \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
 2.11 health for the skin-lightening products public awareness and education grant program under
 2.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9275."

2.13 Amend the title accordingly