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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; establishing a pilot program to provide health and wellness
1.3 information, services, and referrals to East African seniors; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PILOT PROGRAM; HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR EAST
1.6 AFRICAN SENIORS.

1.7 The commissioner of health shall establish a two-year pilot program to provide health
1.8 and wellness services to East Africans age 55 and older at the African Senior Center in
1.9 Minneapolis. In operating the program, the African Senior Center shall collaborate with the
1.10 Board on Aging and Voice of East African Women. Grant funds shall be used to fund a
1.11 public health nurse position and, within the limits of available funding, contract with other
1.12 allied health care professionals to provide information, services, and culturally appropriate
1.13 referrals related to health and wellness, including foot care, medication management,
1.14 nutrition, muscle deterioration, post-traumatic stress disorder, diabetes prevention and
1.15 screenings, prevention and screenings for high blood pressure, and screenings for dementia,
1.16 Alzheimer's disease, and other types of memory loss. Grant funds may also be used to
1.17 provide East African seniors with environmental and cultural experiences through travel to
1.18 rural, natural, or farm settings.

1.19 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR EAST
1.20 AFRICAN SENIORS.

1.21 \$..... in fiscal year 2018 and \$..... in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from the general
1.22 fund to the commissioner of health for a grant to the African Senior Center in Minneapolis

- 2.1 to establish a pilot program to provide health and wellness services for East African seniors
- 2.2 according to section 1.