

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26398

This is an FY 2019 trailer appropriation bill for the Department of Health and Welfare for the Physical Health Services Program. It addresses the fiscal impact of H472, which provides that the state, subject to appropriation, will match student contributions on a two-to-one basis for the Rural Physician Incentive Payment Program.

FISCAL NOTE

The bill provides an additional appropriation of \$640,000 in ongoing trustee and benefit payments from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Physical Health Services Program for FY 2019. The bill also provides that \$640,000 be transferred to the Rural Physician Incentive Fund on July 15, 2018, or as soon thereafter as practicable. The Rural Physician Incentive Fund is a continuously appropriated fund that is managed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The bill also requires the department to report back to the Legislature on the use of these funds.

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