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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to
- 2 health and human services of local public health
- 3 departments.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 (1) By focusing on preventive health and medicine, the
3 state will decrease the amount of serious health complications and
4 disease; and

5 (2) By improving health and promoting wellness in the
6 areas of preventive health, rather than waiting for serious illness
7 or disease to strike, the state will save money and lead to a
8 healthier state.

9 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to include in
10 the appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services, for
11 Program 502, Public Health Aid, for FY2013-14 an additional
12 \$3,600,000 General Funds and for FY2014-15 an additional \$3,600,000
13 General Funds, for state aid, for the eighteen local public health
14 departments as defined in section 71-1626. The department shall
15 distribute \$200,000 to each of the departments for the purpose of
16 improving preventive health programs within the district. The
17 preventive health programs that receive funds shall be designed to
18 increase physical activity; decrease obesity; prevent complications
19 from diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic diseases;
20 improve access to medical homes and dental homes to offer prevention
21 and wellness services; increase worksite wellness initiatives to
22 prevent disease and disability; assure preventive services for
23 children and adults; and any other initiative that promotes
24 preventive health and wellness.