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HEALTH DEPARTMENT EG +\$247,500 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to the prioritization of health equity by the Louisiana Department of Health. (8/1/21)

Proposed law provides that LDH shall serve as a foundation and resource for addressing health care disparities in vulnerable populations. Proposed law provides that LDH shall complete a thorough assessment of all state activities or services that may specifically impact the health or quality of life of women. Proposed law requires LDH to submit this assessment to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than December 15, 2021. Proposed law provides that LDH shall make available to health care professionals the best practices and protocols for treating communities with underlying medical conditions and health disparities by doing certain enumerated tasks. Proposed law provides that LDH may analyze any other relevant data which will add to the work of the department, seek input from any interested parties, pursue any relevant topics including policies and laws that impact health disparities, and promote community outreach and extension activities. Proposed law provides for the division on women's health within LDH and establishes a time lime for the planning for and creation of the division. Proposed law provides for the staff, duties, and functions of the division.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$990,000
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total		\$247,500	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$247,500	\$990,000

REVENUES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure is anticipated to increase expenditures within LDH by a minimum of \$247,500 for personnel costs associated with the newly created division on women's health beginning in FY 23 and future fiscal years. To the extent that LDH requires more than two positions to effectively carry out the division's duties, personnel costs will increase. Proposed law provides that LDH shall submit a plan for staffing needs and other costs to the legislature no later than January 15, 2022.

Proposed law creates the division on women's health within LDH's Office of Public Health to serve as a centralized point of women's health advocacy and to coordinate efforts with programs, services, and initiatives across the state. Proposed law provides that the initial staffing of the division shall begin in FY 23 and include a minimum of two positions, a director and researcher. The LFO estimates salaries and benefits for the two positions to be at least \$247,500 (\$100 K salary for the director and \$65 K salary for the researcher, plus 50% in related benefits) as identified in proposed law. To the extent that LDH identifies a need for additional staff, costs would increase accordingly based on the number and job titles.

Proposed law will create a workload increase for the LA Department of Health (LDH) in FY 22, requiring the department to complete a thorough assessment of all activities engaged in or services provided by the state that may specifically impact the health or quality of life of women. The findings of this assessment are to be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Health and Welfare no later than 12/15/21, and proposed law requires all activities conducted during FY 22 to utilize existing staff and resources within the department to carry out this and other prescribed activities.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This measure provides that LDH shall identify potential non-state sources to aid in financing the Divison of Woman's Health activities. To the extent the department is unable to identify non-state sources of funding, the fiscal note assumes the division will be funded with general fund.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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