



28 (1) As used in this section, "multicultural and minority health issues" means health,  
29 including mental and oral health, issues of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other  
30 subpopulations, including:

31 (a) disparities in:

32 (i) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment  
33 response; and

34 (ii) access to care; and

35 (b) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.

36 (2) There is created within the department the Center for Multicultural Health.

37 (3) The Center for Multicultural Health shall:

38 (a) promote and coordinate the research, data production and dissemination, education,  
39 and health promotion activities of the department, local health departments, local mental health  
40 authorities, public schools, community-based organizations, Indian tribes, and other  
41 organizations within the state as they relate to multicultural and minority health issues;

42 (b) assist in the development and implementation of programs to address multicultural  
43 and minority health issues;

44 (c) promote the dissemination and use of information on multicultural and minority  
45 health issues by minority populations, health care providers, and others;

46 (d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish its mission;

47 (e) provide technical assistance to entities within the state seeking funding to study or  
48 address multicultural and minority health issues;

49 (f) develop and increase the capacity of the center to provide translation and  
50 communication services for the Spanish language community;

51 [~~f~~] (g) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department  
52 to study multicultural and minority health issues; and

53 [~~g~~] (h) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.

54 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

55 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated  
56 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$150,000 to the Department of Health to fund  
57 the translation and communication duties of the Center for Multicultural Health.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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