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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the creation of an Iowa cancer research
2 program, and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWA CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM —

2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the general fund of
3 the state to the department of health and human services for
4 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
5 2025, the following amount or so much thereof as is necessary
6 for the purposes designated:

7 \$ 5,250,000

8 1. The moneys appropriated in this section shall be used by
9 the department of health and human services to create an Iowa
10 cancer research program within the division of public health of
11 the department to support cancer research projects at public
12 institutions of higher education in the state.

13 2. a. (1) Of the moneys appropriated in this section,
14 \$1,250,000 is allocated to fund pediatric cancer research. The
15 department of health and human services shall issue a request
16 for proposals to select projects at public institutions of
17 higher education in the state that perform research focused
18 on reducing the quantity and impact of pediatric cancers,
19 including improving the quality of life for childhood cancer
20 survivors.

21 (2) Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,250,000
22 is allocated to fund cancer prevention research. The
23 department of health and human services shall issue a request
24 for proposals to select projects at public institutions of
25 higher education in the state that perform research focused on
26 identifying the reasons for Iowa's high cancer incidence rate,
27 the reasons Iowa's cancer incidence rate has increased rather
28 than declined, and ways to reduce the state's cancer incidence
29 rate.

30 (3) Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,250,000
31 is allocated to fund clinical cancer research. The department
32 of health and human services shall issue a request for
33 proposals to select projects at public institutions of higher
34 education in the state that provide the infrastructure to
35 support research focused on developing new cancer treatments

1 and expanding access to the newest cancer treatments.

2 (4) Of the moneys appropriated in this section, \$1,250,000
3 is allocated to fund basic cancer research. The department of
4 health and human services shall issue a request for proposals
5 to select projects at public institutions of higher education
6 in the state that perform research focused on studying how the
7 body responds to cancer at the molecular and cellular levels to
8 provide the foundation for future advances in cancer research.

9 b. Criteria for selection of individual projects under this
10 subsection shall include the project's scientific rationale
11 and promise, the potential to benefit the current or future
12 health of Iowans, inclusion of collaborating experts from
13 various parts of the state or country with different areas of
14 expertise, the potential for economic return on investment, the
15 potential to benefit underserved populations, and whether the
16 project is eligible for any private or federal matching funds.

17 3. The department of health and human services may utilize
18 up to five percent of the moneys appropriated in this section
19 for administrative costs associated with the Iowa cancer
20 control program.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to the creation of an Iowa cancer research
25 program.

26 The bill appropriates \$5,250,000 from the general fund of
27 the state to the department of health and human services (HHS)
28 for FY 2024-2025 to be used by HHS to create an Iowa cancer
29 research program within the division of public health of HHS
30 to support cancer research projects at public institutions of
31 higher education in the state. Of the funds appropriated,
32 \$1.25 million is allocated for each of the following:
33 pediatric cancer research, cancer prevention research,
34 clinical cancer research, and basic cancer research. HHS
35 shall use requests for proposals to select projects at public

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1 institutions of higher education located in the state related
2 to each type of research. The bill includes criteria to be
3 used by HHS in selecting individual projects and authorizes
4 HHS to utilize up to 5 percent of the moneys appropriated for
5 administrative costs associated with the Iowa cancer research
6 program.