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Dear Members:

Which is it? SF677 First Engrossment appropriating \$4.5 million for a Native American Community Clinic or SF1847 requesting \$9 million for the same exact project. Doubling the numbers because of a 17 billion surplus is suspicious if that is what is being done in this case.

This is another bill creating opportunity for fraud. It wastes taxpayer money paying for time spent redrafting, printing and scheduling Committee time and dragging legislators away from matters needing attention in 2023 that have not been addressed in any bill let alone duplicated in two bills. The speed of this session is causing all to run in circles.

SF677, 1st Engrossment:

Subd. 29. Native American Community Clinic \$4,500,000

- (a) For a grant to the Native American Community Clinic for site preparation and construction of an expansion of the clinic in the city of Minneapolis. This appropriation includes money for medical and dental exam rooms, additional laboratory and diagnostic space, and associated capital improvements that will facilitate additional patients....(b)...

SF1847, as Introduced:

\$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the Native American Community Clinic for site preparation and construction of an expansion of the clinic in Minneapolis. This appropriation includes money for medical and dental exam rooms, additional laboratory and diagnostic space, and associated capital improvements that will facilitate additional patients. This appropriation is available until the project is completed or abandoned...

Please find a way to end duplication between 2022 projects and their costs and 2023 bill introductions that inflate requests made in 2022. Removing “abandoned” from these bills will prevent these projects from becoming SWLRT nightmares and keep funding realistic and measurable with need rather than desire.

Thank you,


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