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Bill Analysis

SB 1269 creates the Rural Hospital Replacement Grant Program under the State Department of Health to provide funding to support the construction of new hospitals to replace qualifying rural hospitals. The measure defines a qualifying rural hospital as a licensed hospital that is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less and a poverty rate of not less than 19%. The measure directs the Department to create an application process as well as scoring criteria. The governing entity of a hospital that receives grant funding may only use the monies received for demolition and construction purposes. The measure also creates the Rural Hospital Replacement Revolving Fund, which shall consist of monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Fund.

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