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Research Analysis

HB 3976, as introduced, creates the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Program at the State Department of Health. The grant program will benefit rural and small hospitals to help with infrastructure, equipment, or technology needs. The measure also creates a related revolving fund.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3976 creates the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Revolving Fund within the State Department of Health (OSDH) to support infrastructure, equipment, or technological needs. Hospitals must provide a 20% funding match to be eligible for the program.

Because the grant program depends on available funds in the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Revolving Fund and HB 3976 does not include an appropriation, the measure currently has no direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

According to OSDH, the impact on the agency will depend on the number of FTEs needed to administer the program and the total amount of funding made available. Assuming operational costs are covered by deposits to the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Revolving Fund, OSDH estimates administrative expenses of approximately \$345,125, reflecting the average all-in cost of 2.5 FTEs at a manager/coordinator level.