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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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### **AB 1487 (Addis) - Public health: the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund**

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**Policy Vote:** HEALTH 9 - 2  
**Mandate:** No  
**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** AB 1487 would make changes to the existing Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) estimates General Fund costs of \$708,000 in 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 for state operations related to the provision of scientific guidance in program development, grant management and oversight, technical assistance for grantees, program evaluation, and procurement and contracting activities.
- Unknown potential General Fund cost pressures to the extent that the expanded allowable uses of the fund would create additional demand for funding. The Budget Act of 2025 includes \$22.2 million for the TGI Fund in 2025-26.

**Background:** Current law establishes the TGI Wellness and Equity Fund and requires the CDPH to administer the fund for purposes of funding grants to create programs, or funding existing programs, focused on coordinating trans-inclusive health care for individuals who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex. For these purposes, current law includes the following definitions:

- “Transgender” is broad and inclusive of all gender identities different from the gender that a person was assigned at birth.
- “Gender nonconforming” is an inclusive term used to describe individuals who may experience a gender that is neither exclusively male nor female or is in between or beyond both of those genders, including, but not limited to, nonbinary, gender fluid, agender or without gender, third gender, genderqueer, gender variant, Two-Spirit, Hijra, Kathoey, Mak nyah, Muxe, Waria, Māhū, and Fa’afafine.
- “Intersex” is an umbrella term referring to people whose anatomy, hormones, or chromosomes fall outside the strict male and female binary.

Upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the TGI Wellness and Equity Fund may be used to fund grants to:

- TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of increasing the capacity of health care professionals to effectively provide TGI health care and institute TGI-

inclusive best practices. This includes the creation of educational materials or facilitation of capacity-building trainings.

- TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of facilitating evidence-based therapeutic arts programs.
- TGI-serving organizations for purposes of assisting, identifying, and referring TGI people to access supportive housing. This includes case management opportunities, financial assistance, and assisting TGI people in receiving and utilizing housing vouchers. If a TGI-serving organization has already implemented a TGI-specific housing program, funding may be utilized to maintain or expand existing housing programs.
- A hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that currently provides gender-affirming health care services, such as hormone therapy or gender reassignment surgery, to continue providing those services, or to a hospital, health care clinic, or other medical provider that will establish a program that offers gender-affirming health care services and has an established relationship with a TGI-serving organization that will lead in establishing the program.

**Proposed Law:** Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Rename the TGI Wellness and Equity Fund as the Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (2TGI) Wellness and Equity Fund.
- Add the following definitions for purposes of the fund:
  - “Two-Spirit” is a term referring to unique indigenous cultural roles that intersect with diverse sexual orientations and gender embodiments.
  - “Transitional-age 2TGI youth” means youth between 16 to 26 years of age, inclusive, who are transgender, gender nonconforming, intersex, or Two-Spirit.
- Allow funds to additionally be used to:
  - Provide grants to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing workforce development training for 2TGI individuals.
  - Provide grants to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing resettlement and social integration programs for 2TGI asylees and immigrants.
  - Provide grants to 2TGI-serving organizations for the purpose of providing diversion programs for, and outreach to, transitional-age 2TGI youth.

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