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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Sykes

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the Women's Policy and Research Commission and affiliated Women's Policy and Research Center, and appropriates GRF funding of \$1 million in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 to pay for related operating expenses.
- The bill creates the Women's Policy and Research Commission Fund in the state treasury to consist of all proceeds from the sale of publications and all gifts, donations, benefits, and other funds.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill: (1) establishes the 15-member Women's Policy and Research Commission, (2) requires the Commission to establish policies and procedures governing the operation of the Women's Policy and Research Center, (3) requires the Commission to meet at least four times a year and furnish a written report of its activities for the preceding calendar year to the executive and legislative branches of state government, and (4) appropriates GRF of \$1 million in each of FY 2022 and FY 2023 to pay for operating expenses. Members will receive no compensation, but are to be reimbursed for necessary expenses.

The bill creates, in the state treasury, the Women's Policy and Research Commission Fund. The Commission may accept gifts, donations, benefits, and other funds from any public agency or private source and deposit all proceeds into the fund. Under the bill, all expenses incurred in carrying out the functions of the Women's Policy and Research Commission and the Women's Policy and Research Center must be paid from Commission funds.

The Women's Policy and Research Center is accountable to the Commission and to be administered by an executive director. The Commission appoints the Director, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director, with the Commission's approval, is required to appoint necessary employees to carry out the Center's duties.