

Amendment to HB 614-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT making an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund the  
4 Merrimack, New Hampshire Kidney Cancer Incidence Phase 3 Feasibility study.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Findings. The general court finds that given the statistically significant excess in the number  
9 of cases of kidney cancer in Merrimack, New Hampshire found by the department of health and  
10 human services, the known detection of environmental contaminants that have been associated with  
11 kidney cancer, and a trend of increasing incidence of kidney cancer over time, the department  
12 recommends that a feasibility study as determined by the New Hampshire Cancer Concern  
13 Investigation Protocol, Phase 3 be conducted. The general court further finds that a Phase 3  
14 feasibility study would determine if an epidemiological study (Phase 4) is warranted and would  
15 identify appropriate cancers and health outcomes for inclusion in such study.

16 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Humans Services; Phase 3 Feasibility Study.

17 I. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$500,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025,  
18 to the department of health and human services to enter into a contract with an academic or  
19 research organization to complete a New Hampshire Kidney Cancer Incidence Phase 3 Feasibility  
20 Study for the town of Merrimack to further understand potential exposures that may contribute to  
21 the excess of kidney cancer incidence in Merrimack and identify any next steps warranted. Such  
22 funds shall be nonlapsing and appropriated to the department for the purposes of this act. The  
23 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
24 otherwise appropriated.

25 II. In order to provide funding for said appropriation, and subject to prior review by the joint  
26 legislative oversight committee on health and human services established in RSA 126-A:13, the  
27 department shall first use any available grant funding or any other non-state funds which may be  
28 used for this purpose.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund the Merrimack, New Hampshire Kidney Incidence Phase 3 Feasibility Study.