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**OFA Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5421**

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.***

**SUMMARY:**

The bill creates the health care facility patient lift account as a separate, nonlapsing account administered by the State Treasurer.

The account must contain: (1) relevant appropriations or funding otherwise made available by the state; (2) any money required by law to be deposited in the account; and (3) relevant gifts, grants, donations or bequests. Any investment earnings credited to the assets of the account must also be included in the assets of the account.

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) must use the account's funds to provide grants to licensed physician offices, radiological facilities, imaging centers or health care facilities to purchase patient lifts. These lifts are to be used to transfer elderly persons, persons with disabilities or persons with injuries or chronic health conditions from facility beds to wheelchairs or other equipment.

DPH may deduct and retain an amount equal to the costs incurred to award such grants, up to two percent of the account's balance annually.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 51 Nay 0 (04/01/2026)