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Outcomes Bill Passes the House Floor**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, [HB 1381](#), passed on the House Floor. This bill, sponsored by **Representative Kamia Brown (D-Ocoee)**, revises the Department of Health's duties and requirements under the Closing the Gap grant program and requires the department to establish telehealth maternity care pilot programs that would serve women at the greatest risk of maternal mortality and morbidity.

"This bill was birthed through my own experience and hearing the cries that of so many woman who sought to get care in Orange County but was unsuccessful," said **Representative Brown** on the floor.

Currently, Black, Latinx, and Indigenous mothers face mortality rates that are substantially higher than the national average. That situation has become even more dire for these mothers since the spread of the coronavirus across the nation.

"It is my hope that, through this pilot program we are able to address these inequities and every woman receive the social, emotional, physical, and economic support she needs to successfully transition through the prenatal and postpartum period and into her new identity and life as a mother," said **Representative Brown**.

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