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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; establishing the Local Government Oversight Task
1.3 Force; requiring reports.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) The state auditor must convene a Local Government
1.7 Oversight Task Force to discuss and articulate options to streamline, align, and modernize
1.8 local government audits and related requirements.

1.9 (b) The task force must meet at least quarterly. The state auditor must convene the first
1.10 meeting by July 1, 2024, and provide staff and administrative support as necessary. Members
1.11 of the task force serve without compensation or reimbursement.

1.12 Subd. 2. Powers and duties; report. The task force must develop recommendations
1.13 designed to streamline, align, and modernize local government audits and similar engagement
1.14 requirements and report those recommendations to the legislature by February 1 of each
1.15 year.

1.16 Subd. 3. Membership. Members of the task force include:

1.17 (1) one legislator appointed by the House of Representatives State and Local Government
1.18 Finance and Policy committee and one legislator appointed by the Senate State Local
1.19 Government and Veterans committee;

1.20 (2) one representative appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;

1.21 (3) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Association of Townships;

- 2.1 (4) one representative appointed by the Minnesota School Boards Association;
- 2.2 (5) one representative appointed by the Office of the State Auditor;
- 2.3 (6) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Association of Small Cities;
- 2.4 (7) one representative appointed by Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan
- 2.5 Municipalities);
- 2.6 (8) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Inter-County Association;
- 2.7 (9) two representatives appointed by the Minnesota Government Finance Officers
- 2.8 Association;
- 2.9 (10) two representatives appointed by the Minnesota Association of School Business
- 2.10 Officials;
- 2.11 (11) two representatives of certified public accountant audit firms licensed under
- 2.12 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326A, appointed by the Minnesota Society of CPAs;
- 2.13 (12) two representatives of oversight stakeholder groups appointed by the Office of the
- 2.14 State Auditor;
- 2.15 (13) one representative of the Department of Management and Budget, appointed by
- 2.16 the commissioner of management and budget;
- 2.17 (14) one representative of the Department of Revenue, appointed by the commissioner
- 2.18 of revenue; and
- 2.19 (15) one representative of the Department of Education, appointed by the commissioner
- 2.20 of education.
- 2.21 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The task force expires June 30, 2026.
- 2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.