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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; providing for local government emergency management; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

Section 1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; APPROPRIATION.**

(a) $12,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $12,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to distribute local emergency management funding to emergency management departments in the 87 counties, 11 federally recognized Tribes, and four cities of the first class for planning and preparedness activities, including capital purchases. This amount is added to the base appropriation for this purpose. The commissioner must distribute funds in equal amounts to each eligible county, Tribe, and city. This local emergency management funding cannot supplant existing federal emergency management funding and may not be used in lieu of that funding.

(b) Funds must be used for emergency management and preparedness activities, including but not limited to planning, training, equipment purchases, infrastructure improvements, and addressing emerging threats.

(c) Counties, Tribes, and cities that receive funds under this section must submit a report to the commissioner of public safety by March 15 of each year. The report must include a brief summary of how funds were used, categorized by major activities, such as planning, preparedness, training, or capital purchases. The commissioner may provide a standardized reporting template, developed in consultation with county emergency management departments, to assist recipients in fulfilling this requirement.

(d) Funds distributed under this section are subject to audit by the state auditor. The commissioner of public safety, in collaboration with the state auditor, may conduct audits on a rotating basis to ensure compliance with state guidelines. Counties, Tribes, and cities that receive funds under this section must maintain records identifying how the funds were used in sufficient detail that the commissioner of public safety and state auditor can determine whether the use was in accordance with the purposes of this section.