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

A bill for an act

relating to state government; requiring a report on vacant state office space.

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

Section 1. **REPORT ON VACANT STATE OFFICE SPACE.**

The commissioner of administration must report by February 15, 2026, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over the budget of the Department of Administration, cataloging office space owned or leased by the state. The report should describe how much of the owned and leased office space is substantially vacant. The report must detail whether and how the vacant space can be converted into housing and how much revenue can be returned to the state through rental or sale of the repurposed property. The commissioner is authorized to obtain estimates on the cost of converting vacant state office space to housing and to contract for a study on real estate market conditions to provide a basis for the evaluation of the revenue that could be returned to the state through rental or sale of the repurposed property.