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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

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A bill for an act
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relating to local government; establishing the Local Government Oversight Task
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Force; requiring reports.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE.**
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Subdivision 1. Establishment. (a) The state auditor must convene a Local Government
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Oversight Task Force to discuss and articulate options to streamline, align, and modernize
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local government audits and related requirements.
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(b) The task force must meet at least quarterly. The state auditor must convene the first
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meeting by July 1, 2024, and provide staff and administrative support as necessary. Members
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of the task force serve without compensation or reimbursement.
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Subd. 2. Powers and duties; report. The task force must develop recommendations
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designed to streamline, align, and modernize local government audits and similar engagement
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requirements and report those recommendations to the legislature by February 1 of each
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year.
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Subd. 3. Membership. Members of the task force include:
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(1) one legislator appointed by the House of Representatives State and Local Government
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Finance and Policy committee and one legislator appointed by the Senate State Local
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Government and Veterans committee;
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(2) one representative appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;
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(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.