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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; directing the state auditor to review city inspection
1.3 fees; requiring a report.

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

1.5 Section 1. STATE AUDITOR REVIEW OF CITY INSPECTION FEES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. General. The state auditor shall conduct a review of statutory and home
1.7 rule charter city inspection fees, and report the results of the review with any
1.8 recommendations for changes to the law governing city inspection fees, to the chairs and
1.9 ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over local
1.10 government by February 15, 2019. The state auditor shall include in the review all cities of
1.11 the first class, and a sampling of at least 20 cities of the second class from different areas
1.12 of the state. The state auditor may include in the review additional cities if the state auditor
1.13 determines it would provide better analysis and recommendations.

1.14 Subd. 2. Topics. The state auditor must determine if the inspection fees are set and
1.15 imposed as authorized by law, analyzing:

- 1.16 (1) the amount of fees charged;
1.17 (2) the services for which the fees are charged;
1.18 (3) how each fee was determined and its relation to the service provided; and
1.19 (4) at what point fees are collected and accounted for in the city financial reports.

2.1 In addition, the review must include information on how city inspectors and employees who  
2.2 provide information to the public and issue permits are trained to ensure the information  
2.3 they provide is accurate.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.