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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to Minnesota heritage finance; appropriating money for studies and
1.3 planning activities related to the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

1.6 \$250,000 in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the general fund to St. Louis
1.7 County to be used for feasibility studies and planning activities concerning additional uses
1.8 for the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center at the Duluth depot. The studies and
1.9 planning activities must include:

1.10 (1) examining the costs and benefits of relocating the Northeast Minnesota Office
1.11 of Tourism to the Duluth depot;

1.12 (2) establishing a heritage tourism center at the Duluth depot;

1.13 (3) developing a multimodal operational plan integrating railroad and bus service;

1.14 and

1.15 (4) identifying additional services and activities that would contribute toward
1.16 returning the Duluth depot to being a working railroad station and cultural gateway
1.17 to Duluth and St. Louis County.

1.18 This appropriation is available until spent.