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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Housing Policy and Finance and Public Health Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; convening a work group on sober housing; requiring
1.3 reports.

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

1.5 Section 1. **STUDY; SOBER HOUSING.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of human services shall convene a work group to study ways
1.7 to regulate sober housing. The work group must include:

1.8 (1) sober housing landlords;

1.9 (2) sober housing residents;

1.10 (3) community members with knowledge about sober housing;

1.11 (4) representatives of cities and counties;

1.12 (5) a representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;

1.13 (6) a representative from the Association of Minnesota Counties;

1.14 (7) a representative from the Department of Human Services Chemical Health
1.15 Division;

1.16 (8) a representative from the Department of Human Services Licensing Division; and

1.17 (9) a representative from the Minnesota Department of Health.

1.18 (b) The group shall make a report to the house and senate committees that have
1.19 jurisdiction over human services licensing no later than January 1, 2008. The report must
1.20 include recommendations for rules and regulations on the following:

1.21 (1) qualifications and training of sober house providers;

1.22 (2) minimum housing standards and spacing requirements;

1.23 (3) the power of the sober house provider to enforce sobriety rules;

1.24 (4) client rights, especially against arbitrary evictions; and

- 2.1 (5) conflicts of interest when the sober house landlord is also a treatment provider or
- 2.2 employer.