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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections
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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act
relating to state government; requiring a study on electronic documents; requiring a report by January 15, 2008.

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

Section 1. **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS STUDY AND REPORT.**

Subdivision 1. **Study.** The chief information officer of the state shall study how electronic documents and the mechanisms and processes for accessing and reading electronic data can be created, maintained, exchanged, and preserved by the state in a manner that encourages appropriate government control, access, choice, interoperability, and vendor neutrality. The study must consider, but not be limited to, the policies of other states and nations, management guidelines for state archives as they pertain to electronic documents, public access, expected storage life of electronic documents, costs of implementation, and savings. The chief information officer shall solicit comments regarding the creation, maintenance, exchange, and preservation of electronic documents by the state from stakeholders, including but not limited to the legislative auditor, the attorney general, the state archivist, the state legislative reference librarian, other librarians, representatives of the state historical society, and other historians. The chief information officer shall also solicit comments from members of the public.

Subd. 2. **Report and recommendation.** The chief information officer shall report the officer's findings and recommendations to the chairs of the senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee; house Government Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections Committee; and the senate and house State Government Finance Divisions by January 15, 2008.