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## Bill Summary

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This bill would create a commission with up to 15 members to study and recommend to the legislature by February 1, 2008, whether to establish a "South St. Louis Municipality." The municipality would be within the area of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), excluding any area in Carlton County, an area approximately 500 square miles around Duluth and includes the cities of Duluth, Hermantown and Proctor, and the surrounding townships.

The purpose of creating the municipality would be to eliminate duplication of various public services and reduce administrative costs.

The study commission would be composed of two Iron Range legislators, and county board members, city council members, township officers, and school board members from the named governmental units who decide to participate. It would also have a business and a labor representative. The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission is directed to provide staff assistance to the study commission.