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Area; Iron Range fiscal disparities program. The Iron Range fiscal disparities program operates within the boundaries of the taconite tax relief area, which includes two entire counties (Cook and Lake), and parts of five other counties (Aitkin, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching, and St. Louis). H.F. 2815 stipulates that if 35 percent or more of a county's tax base is within the taconite tax relief area, then the program will operate within the entire county. Under that standard, all of Aitkin, Itasca, and St. Louis counties would be brought into the program for taxes payable in 2013.