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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill changes the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to the Washington County Community Development Agency with the powers of a HRA and EDA.

#### Section

**1 Washington County Community Development Agency.** Changes the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) into a Community Development Agency (CDA) with the powers of an HRA and an economic development authority (EDA).

**2 Application.**

**Subd. 1, 2, and 3.** Conforming changes.

**Subd. 2a. Request to handle economic development, housing, or redevelopment duties.** Allows a city or town with municipal EDA authority to ask the county CDA to handle economic development, housing or redevelopment duties in the city or town. If it does, the county CDA has exclusive jurisdiction.

**Subd. 4. Washington County Community Development Agency.** Provides that the CDA has the powers of an EDA that the county board grants by resolution. Prohibits levying a tax under the EDA law but allows the CDA to levy under the HRA law and to any higher limit authorized by the EDA law.

**Subd. 5. Offers of tax-forfeited lands.** Permits the county to offer to the CDA nonconservation tax-forfeited land before offering the land to cities in the county.

**Section**

- 3**        **Municipal approval.** Provides that CDA projects are subject to city or town planning, zoning, sanitary, and building laws, ordinances, and regulations. Requires the city or town in which a CDA project is located to authorize the project unless the city or town has given the CDA authority to exercise exclusive jurisdiction for economic development duties.
- 4**        **Effective date.** Effective upon local approval by the county.