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Overview

Minnesota's public libraries are generally operated by cities or counties and primarily funded through local property taxes. The 12 regional public library systems are joint powers agreements between cities and counties that cooperate to provide shared and reciprocal library services broadening access to public library services and resources within each region and statewide.

The regional public library systems qualify for state funding including regional library basic system support grants, Arts and Cultural Heritage grants, and regional library telecommunications aid.

The seven multicounty, multitype library systems expand library services by facilitating cooperation among academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries/media centers, and special libraries.

This bill proposes to increase the annual basic aid for regional public libraries from \$13.57 million to \$18.75 million and the annual multicounty, multitype library aid from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million.

Section

- 1 Appropriations.** Appropriates \$18.75 million each year for basic support grants for the regional library system and \$2.6 million each year for multicounty, multitype library support.