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Overview

Minnesota's public libraries are generally operated by cities or counties and are primarily funded through local property taxes. The 12 regional public library systems are joint powers agreements among 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 seven multicounty, multitype library systems expand library services by facilitating cooperation among academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries/media centers, and special libraries.

The K12 Education Finance budget provides state aid for the regional public library systems, regional libraries telecommunications aid, multicounty multitype library systems, and for certain online library databases. Libraries may also receive money from Arts and Cultural Heritage grants which are provided through the Legacy budget.

H.F. 1382 modifies the aid distribution formula for regional public libraries basic support grants, and increases the appropriation for the regional library system and the multicounty, multitype library system.

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- 1 Basic aid distribution.** Increases the portion of the regional library basic support grant aid that is uniformly provided to each of 12 regional systems from five to 15 percent of the total funding.

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- 2** **Adjusted net tax capacity per capita distribution.** Reduces the portion of the basic support grant aid that is provided on a per capita basis from 25 to 15 percent of the total funding.
- 3** **Population determination.** Clarifies the manner in which the population for each of the 12 regional libraries is determined.
- 4** **Appropriations.** Appropriates money for regional library services and multicounty multitype libraries.