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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Changes the authorized uses of the revenues from a Cook County local sales tax and increases the amount that can be raised from the tax from \$14 million to \$20 million. The tax has not yet been imposed.

#### Section

- 1 Use of revenues.** Changes the uses of the Cook County local sales tax revenues. Eliminates the use for construction and improvement of a county community center and recreation area and replaces it with authority to use it for construction or additions to multiple community centers and public recreation areas. Also adds construction and improvement of a high speed communications infrastructure (Internet) and construction and improvement of a district energy plant for public facilities in Grand Marais to the allowed uses.
- 2 Bonding authority.** Increases the amount of bonds that the county can issue for authorized projects from \$14 million to \$20 million. The extra authority may delay the expiration date for the tax since the tax does not expire until the later of (1) 20 years, or (2) when revenues are sufficient to repay the bonds.