

Subject Sober housing oversight

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Summary

This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Health, to study and make recommendations on possible oversight measures for sober housing programs for people with substance use disorders. Currently, there is no statewide regulation of sober homes, and they are regulated on the local level, primarily through zoning and occupancy codes. The bill specifies requirements for the study, including:

- identifying sober housing programs in Minnesota and obtaining specified information on each program;
- identifying aspects of sober housing programs that could require regulation;
- identifying the types of settings and programs that may not require regulation;
- analyzing oversight of sober housing programs in other states; and
- recommending options for oversight of sober housing programs in Minnesota.

The bill also lists stakeholders that must be involved in the study, requires a report to the legislature by September 15, 2021, and appropriates money for the study.