

Subject Sprinklers for multistory housing buildings

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## Overview

This bill would: (1) establish a grant program at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to fund sprinkler installation in buildings with housing units located at least 75 feet above fire department vehicle access; and (2) require cities with populations over 20,000 to make lists of buildings with housing units at least 75 feet above fire department vehicle access that lack sprinkler systems.

## Summary

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1	<b>High-rise sprinkler system grant program.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines an “eligible building” as a building in which (1) at least one story is both used for human occupancy and at least 75 feet above fire department vehicle access and (2) at least two thirds of any housing units are affordable to, and occupied by, persons earning less than 50 percent of area median income, adjusted by family size. Defines a “sprinkler system” as a fire protection system as defined by law.

**Subd. 2. Grant program.** Requires MHFA to award grants of up to \$2,000,000 to owners of eligible buildings for installation of sprinkler systems. Requires a 25 percent match from nonprofit building owners; requires a 50 percent match from for-profit building owners.

**Subd. 3. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the general fund to MHFA for the program. Requires award of a \$4,000,000 grant to CommonBond Communities for installation of sprinkler systems in two specified buildings.

**Subd. 4. Expiration.** Expires the section on June 30, 2026.

2	<b>Requiring cities to report buildings that do not have sprinkler systems.</b>
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Require cities with populations over 20,000 to create lists of eligible buildings under section 1 that were not required to have sprinkler systems at the time of

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	construction. Requires that these cities submit the lists to the state fire marshal in 2024, 2027, and 2032. Requires the fire marshal to submit the lists to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the State Building Code and the State Fire Code.
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