

Subject Energy

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## Summary

Section Description

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1 [216C.402] Rebuild right grant program.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.**

**Subd. 2. Program establishment.** Establishes the rebuild right grant program in the Department of Commerce to provide financial assistance for energy conservation measures and renewable energy systems installed in buildings damaged or destroyed by the May-June 2020 civil unrest.

**Subd. 3. Application.** Lists the information that must be contained in a grant application, and directs the commissioner to establish grant review and grant award procedures.

**Subd. 4. Eligible applicants.** Requires applicants to have experience working with contractors who install energy conservation measures and renewable energy systems and with small businesses and residents of low-income neighborhoods.

**Subd. 5. Eligible activities; energy standards.** Establishes energy performance standards buildings receiving grants must meet, e.g., Sustainable Building 2030 standards for commercial and institutional buildings.

**Subd. 6. Eligible properties.** Limits properties eligible for grants to those damaged or destroyed by the May-June 2020 civil unrest.

**Subd. 7. Eligible expenditures.** Limits allowable grant expenditures to the purchase of installation of energy conservation measures and renewable energy systems, outreach to potential applicants, administrative costs, and reimbursement of advisory council members (see subdivision 12).

**Subd. 8. Grant priorities.** Establishes priorities for grant applications that include aggressive outreach elements, commit to paying contractors the prevailing wage, and leverage additional funding from other sources.

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**Subd. 9. Limits.** Provides that grants fund the incremental cost of meeting the performance standards of subdivision 5 that exceeds the cost of meeting current energy performance standards.

**Subd. 10. Awards to building owners.** Specifies the contents of applications from individual business owners seeking grants.

**Subd. 11. Grantee reports.** Lists the contents of semiannual reports grantees must file with the commissioner of commerce.

**Subd. 12. Advisory task force.** Specifies the appointing authorities and membership of an advisory task force to make recommendations to the commissioner regarding the grant program.

**Subd. 13. Reports.** Specifies the contents of annual reports the department must file annually with the legislature regarding grant program awards and activities.

**2 Supplementing weatherization services.**

Authorizes the commissioner of commerce to supplement federal weatherization activities for eligible residential dwelling units located in areas damaged or destroyed by the May-June 2020 civil unrest. Authorizes the commissioner to require certain energy performance standards for buildings receiving such assistance.

**3 Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$..... in fiscal year 2021 to the commissioner of commerce for the purposes of section 1 (75 percent of the total appropriation) and section 2 (25 percent). Requires spending to occur in the electric service area of Xcel Energy.



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