

Subject Department of Commerce energy programs

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## Overview

House File 4559, as amended by the H4559A2 amendment, makes changes to energy grant programs administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, including the electric school bus grant program, the solar on public buildings grant program, the state competitiveness program, and the electric heat pump rebate program.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>[216C.02] Powers and duties of commissioner; rules.</b> <b>Subd. 1. Powers.</b> Authorizes the department to enter into partnerships with in-state organizations, private entities, and nongovernmental organizations to carry out joint research and planning activities.
2	<b>[216C.05] Findings and purpose.</b> <b>Subd. 1. Energy planning.</b> Adds to legislative findings the provision that an energy security plan, including a statewide risk assessment, is in the public interest.
3	<b>[216C.374] Electric school bus deployment program.</b> <b>Subd. 3. Establishment of account.</b> Extends the availability of money in the program account by one year, until June 30, 2028.
4	<b>[216C.377] Solar grant program; public buildings.</b> <b>Subd. 10. Application deadline.</b> Extends the application deadline by two years, to June 30, 2028.
5	<b>[216C.377] Solar grant program; public buildings.</b> <b>Subd. 13. Reporting.</b> Extends the annual reporting requirement by two years, to January 15, 2029.

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6	<p><b>[216C.391] Minnesota state competitiveness fund.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 6. Grant awards; administration.</b> Allows state competitiveness fund revenues serving as a local match to a federal energy grant to reimburse a Minnesota grantee for costs it incurred and paid after the federal grant has been awarded but before the state grant has been finalized, in order to comply with federal match requirements.</p>
7	<p><b>[216C.391] Minnesota state competitiveness fund.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Report; audit.</b> Technical change.</p>
8	<p><b>[216C.46] Residential heat pump rebate program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Definitions.</b> Amends the definition of “eligible applicant” to include: (1) an owner of a single-family home whose occupants have a household income below 150 percent of the area median income; and (2) an owner of a multifamily building in which at least 50 percent of the units meet that income limit.</p>
9	<p><b>[216C.46] Residential heat pump rebate program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Application.</b> Allows a renter of a home to apply for a heat pump rebate with the owner’s permission. Makes the state’s documentation and eligibility requirements congruent with federal requirements for a federal heat pump rebate.</p>
10	<p><b>[Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2024, chapter 126, article 6, section 47, and Laws 2025, First Special Session chapter 7, article 1, section 4]</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Energy resources.</b> Extends the availability of the appropriation for residential electric panel upgrade grants until the appropriation is expended.</p>



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