

Subject Weatherization of Homes

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Overview

House file 2014, as amended by H2014A1, provides additional appropriations to supplement federal weatherization program funds to install weatherization measures in eligible low-income residences. The purposes for which these state funds may be used are expanded, and a grant program is established in the Department of Commerce to train workers to install weatherization measures.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>[216C.264] Coordinating residential weatherization programs.</p> <p>Subd. 1a. Definitions. Defines “preweatherization measure” and other terms.</p>
2	<p>[216C.264] Coordinating residential weatherization programs.</p> <p>Subd. 1b. State supplementary weatherization grants account. Establishes the state supplementary weatherization grants account as a separate account in the special revenue fund, and appropriates money in the account to the commissioner to make grants under section 3 of the bill.</p>
3	<p>[216C.264] Coordinating residential weatherization programs.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Grant allocation. Expands activities that can be funded with grants issued by the state to supplement the federal weatherization program. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ installing preweatherization measures (a list is to be produced by the commissioner of commerce) and addressing other physical deficiencies in eligible residences that prevent the use of federal weatherization funds under current federal law;▪ conducting outreach activities to publicize the availability of weatherization assistance and assist households with applications; and▪ expanding training opportunities for weatherization workers.

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4	<p>[216C.2641] Weatherization training grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a training grant program in the Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grants. Provides that eligible grantees include nonprofits, labor organizations, job training centers, and educational institutions.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Reports. Requires an annual report to the legislature on the use of grant funds.</p>
5	<p>Prewaterization measures; appropriation.</p> <p>Appropriates \$..... from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce for grants to community action agencies and other organizations to install preweatherization measures in residential buildings occupied by eligible low-income households. Up to ten percent of the appropriation may be used on preweatherization measures in utility-sponsored conservation programs outside of the federal weatherization program, and an additional ten percent may be used to train energy auditors and provide financial incentives to weatherization contractors and workers.</p>



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