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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 749

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; requiring energy guidelines for state buildings to incorporate
1.3 provisions that address resiliency with respect to climate change; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.325, subdivision 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.325, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Lowest possible cost; energy conservation.** The guidelines must:

1.8 (1) focus on achieving the lowest possible lifetime cost, considering both construction
1.9 and operating costs, for new buildings and major renovations, ~~and;~~

1.10 (2) allow for changes in the guidelines revisions that encourage continual energy
1.11 conservation improvements in new buildings and major renovations. ~~The guidelines shall;~~

1.12 (3) define "major renovations" for purposes of this section. ~~The definition may not allow~~
1.13 ~~"major renovations"~~ to encompass not less than 10,000 square feet or to encompass not less
1.14 than the replacement of the mechanical, ventilation, or cooling system of the a building or
1.15 a building section of the building. ~~The design guidelines must;~~

1.16 (4) establish sustainability guidelines that include air quality and lighting standards and
1.17 that create and maintain a healthy environment and facilitate productivity improvements;

1.18 (5) establish resiliency guidelines to encourage design that allows buildings to adapt to
1.19 and accommodate projected climate-related changes that are reflected in both acute events
1.20 and chronic trends, including but not limited to changes in temperature and precipitation
1.21 levels;

1.22 (6) specify ways to reduce material costs; and must

2.1 (7) consider the long-term operating costs of the building, including the use of renewable  
2.2 energy sources and distributed electric energy generation that uses a renewable source or  
2.3 natural gas or a fuel that is as clean or cleaner than natural gas.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.