

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 2769 as follows:

1.2 Page 2, line 9, delete everything after "service"

1.3 Page 2, line 10, delete everything before "may"

1.4 Page 2, line 12, delete "clear and convincing" and insert "a preponderance of the"

1.5 Page 2, delete section 4 and insert:

1.6 "Sec. 4. **LOW-INCOME AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS FOR ELECTRIC**
1.7 **UTILITY SERVICE; STUDY.**

1.8 (a) The Department of Commerce shall study and develop elements of low-income
1.9 electric energy affordability programs to benefit low-income residential ratepayers
1.10 of investor-owned public utilities in this state with more than 100,000 residential
1.11 electric service customers. The department must review existing low-income electric
1.12 utility programs in other states and consult with representatives of electric utilities,
1.13 the low-income community, and other interested parties. By February 1, 2013, the
1.14 department must submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any
1.15 proposed legislation, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house
1.16 committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy and finance.

1.17 (b) The study required under this section shall be funded from existing
1.18 appropriations.

1.19 (c) For the purposes of this section, "low-income residential ratepayers" has the
1.20 meaning given in section 216B.16, subdivision 15.

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

1.22 Amend the title accordingly