

Subject Energy conservation

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Summary

House File 3866, as amended by the H3866DE1 amendment, allows spending by consumer-owned electric and natural gas utilities on fuel-switching programs for low-income homeowners and renters to be counted towards the utilities' required spending on energy conservation for low-income households, which is 0.2 percent of a utility's gross operating revenues from residential customers. This provision would make the treatment of fuel-switching spending by natural gas utilities identical to that of electric utilities.

The definition of "low-income programs" (§ 216B.2402, subd. 17)—the term used in the amendment—specifically includes "efficient fuel-switching programs."