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House File 2834 repeals various energy statutes and rules.

Section 1 deletes language referring to a report that was due in 2008. Section 2 deletes a statutory reference to a section of law repealed in section 3.

Section 3 repeals the following statutes and rules:

- **216C.14:** Authorizes the commissioner of commerce to make grants to cities and counties to enhance their energy planning capabilities.
- **216C.262:** Requires the commissioner of commerce to contract with the Building Energy Research Center at the University of Minnesota to determine optimal weatherization for low-income weatherization programs.
- **216C.263:** Directs that federal revenues that were distributed to the state as a result of litigation or settlement of alleged violations of federal petroleum pricing regulations in the 1980s (colloquially known as “oil overcharge money”) that is not otherwise appropriated or allocated is appropriated to the commissioner of commerce for energy conservation projects that serve low-income Minnesotans.
- **216C.373:** Directs that the superinsulated home demonstration project funded in the early 1980s work with the financial community to promote superinsulation.
- **216C.38:** Requires the commissioner of commerce to administer a Building Energy Research Center at the University of Minnesota with the goal of making it a national center for building research.

- **216C.44:** Repeals the Business Energy Accountability Act of 2008, which requires the commissioner of commerce to develop an energy inventory form to be used by a municipality in compiling inventories of energy use and make the form available to businesses, who may complete it voluntarily.
- **Minnesota Rules, ch. 7606:** Rules governing the use of oil overcharge money (see section 216C.263, above) for loan and grant programs.
- **Minnesota Rules, ch. 7630:** Rules specifying the contents of applications for variances to the statutory prohibition on the use of decorative gas lamps (enacted in 1976) and the criteria for granting variances.