

Subject Energy benchmarking

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Overview

The B3 (Buildings, Benchmarks, and Beyond) program has been administered by the Departments of Commerce and Administration since legislation was enacted in 2001 establishing a database into which public building owners or managers can enter monthly energy use data for their buildings. The program makes available to participants comparisons with energy use in similar building types in Minnesota and the United States, and also provides participants with weather-adjusted data on energy use for their own building over time.

This bill would require each public school or school district to enter monthly energy use data for buildings under its custodial control. More than 12,000 public buildings in Minnesota currently participate.