

Subject Nursing Home Energy Efficiency Grant Program

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## Overview

This bill establishes a nursing home energy efficiency grant program to be administered by the Department of Commerce and appropriates \$20,000,000 for the program.

## Summary

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1	<b>Energy efficiency grants for nursing homes.</b>
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Creates § 216C.45.

**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines the terms “energy conservation improvements” and “nursing home” or “nursing home facilities.”

**Subd. 2. Establishment.** Establishes a grant program under the Department of Commerce to award grants to nursing homes to install energy conservation improvements.

**Subd. 3. Interagency coordination.** Requires the commissioner of commerce to coordinate with the commissioner of human services and other public agencies when developing and administering this program.

**Subd. 4. Eligible expenditures.** (a) Allows grants awarded to nursing homes to be used to fund the costs to design, engineer, procure, and install energy conservation improvements. Limits grants to \$500,000 per applicant. Requires the commissioner to attempt to award grants that are paired with utility energy efficiency programs.

(b) Requires any project supported by a grant under this section to meet prevailing wage requirements.

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**Subd. 5. Application process.** Paragraph (a) requires the commissioner to establish a competitive application and review process to select grants. Lists criteria for which grants must be selected.

Paragraph (b) requires a nursing home to submit an application to the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to develop administrative procedures governing the application, review, and grant award process.

**Subd. 6. Reporting.** Requires the commissioner to submit a report by September 1, 2022, to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over energy. Specifies the information that must be included in the report.

**2 Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce for nursing home energy efficiency grants. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2022. Allows the commissioner to use up to five percent of this amount to administer the program. Specifies any unexpended funds remaining after June 30, 2022, cancel to the general fund.



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