

Subject Energy conservation in low-income households

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## Overview

House File 3955 amends statutes governing energy conservation programs for low-income households that utilities are required to operate or fund.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>[216B.241] Energy conservation improvement.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Ownership of energy conservation improvement.</b> Specifies that a preweatherization measure installed in a building by a utility under the Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) is the property of the building owner, with some exceptions.</p>   |
| 2 | <p><b>[216B.241] Energy conservation improvement.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 7. Low-income programs.</b> Defines low-income to mean a household whose income is 60 percent or less of the state median income (which was \$70,315 in 2018, according to the American Community Survey).</p> <p>Requires a public natural gas utility to increase the proportion of its three-year average gross operating revenue from residential customers that must be spent on low-income programs from 0.4 to 0.8 percent. Allows up to 15 percent of a public utility's required low-income spending to go toward preweatherization measures, defined as an improvement (such as asbestos insulation removal) that is necessary in order to allow energy conservation improvements to be installed in a residence. Directs the commissioner of commerce to establish a list of such measures by July 2021.</p> <p>Establishes the Healthy Asbestos Insulation Remediation (Healthy AIR) account into which utilities may deposit funds to meet their low-income spending requirement.</p> |



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