

H.F. 597

As amended by H0597DE4

Subject Local climate action grants**Authors** Kraft**Analyst** Bob Eleff**Date** January 30, 2023**Summary**

HF 597, as amended by H0597DE4, establishes a program in the Pollution Control Agency to award grants to assist local communities to adapt to extreme weather events or to reduce the community's contributions to climate change. Political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions are eligible to receive grant awards, which are capped at \$50,000. Communities whose population exceeds 20,000 must match 50 percent of the grant award with other funds, while smaller communities are required to provide a five percent cash or in-kind services match. The bill also provides funding for PCA to contract with an entity to provide local greenhouse gas emissions data to grant recipients seeking to develop emissions reductions strategies.

\$5 million is requested in a onetime appropriation from the general fund for the grant program, to remain available until the end of 2025.