

Subject Energy efficiency standards and residential energy rating rebate program

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Overview

This bill would require the commissioner of labor and industry to adopt a residential energy code at least as efficient as the International Energy Conservation Code, with the goal of reducing annual net energy consumption by 70 percent by 2038.

This bill would also establish a rebate program with the Department of Commerce for energy ratings and would appropriate \$600,000 for the program.

Summary

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| 1 | Adoption of code. |
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Requires the commissioner of labor and industry to adopt each new published edition of the International Energy Conservation Code, beginning in 2026. Requires the 2038 residential energy code to achieve a 70 percent reduction in annual net energy consumption reduction using the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code State Level Residential Codes Energy Use Index for Minnesota as a baseline. Requires annual reporting by the commissioner of labor and industry to the legislature on progress towards these goals.

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| 2 | Residential energy rebate program. |
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Establishes a rebate program with the Department of Commerce to reimburse property owners and developers for costs of certification under the United States Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home Program. Limits the rebates to the lesser of: (1) the costs paid for energy ratings services; or (2) for a single-family house, \$5,000, or in a multifamily dwelling, the lesser of \$2,500 per unit or \$15,000. Requires the commissioner to publicize the availability of the rebates and to report on the program annually. Expires the program on June 30, 2029. Creates an account for funds appropriated for the purposes of the program.

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| 3 | <p data-bbox="316 262 1433 300">Residential energy rebate program; appropriation.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1433 459">Appropriates \$600,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce for the residential energy rebate program. Allows up to \$100,000 of the appropriation to be used on outreach. Makes the appropriation onetime and available until June 30, 2029.</p> |



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