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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of commerce, as part of the low-income home energy assistance program, to prepurchase delivered fuel (propane, number one, and number two fuel oils) in the months preceding the winter heating season. The commissioner would be authorized to prepurchase delivered fuel only to the extent that funds are available. The commissioner would also be able to decide to limit prepurchasing or to not prepurchase if there is a reasonable likelihood that prepurchasing will not result in fuel-cost savings.