

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 3905 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216C.264, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 5. **Grant allocation.** (a) The commissioner must distribute supplementary state
1.5 grants in a manner consistent with the goal of producing the maximum number of weatherized
1.6 units. Supplementary state grants ~~are provided primarily for the payment of~~ may be used
1.7 for the following purposes:

1.8 (1) to address physical deficiencies in a residence that increase heat loss, including
1.9 deficiencies that prohibit the residence from being eligible to receive federal weatherization
1.10 assistance;

1.11 (2) the installation of preweatherization measures, as defined in section 216B.2402,
1.12 subdivision 20, established by the commissioner under section 216B.241, subdivision 7,
1.13 paragraph (g);

1.14 (3) to increase the number of weatherized residences;

1.15 (4) to conduct outreach activities to make income-eligible households aware of the
1.16 weatherization services available to them, to assist applicants in filling out applications for
1.17 weatherization assistance, and to provide translation services where necessary;

1.18 (5) to enable projects in multifamily buildings to proceed even if they cannot comply
1.19 with the federal requirement that projects must be completed within the same federal fiscal
1.20 year in which they are begun;

1.21 (6) to address shortages of workers trained to provide weatherization services, including
1.22 expanding training opportunities in existing and new training programs;

2.1 (7) to support the operation of the weatherization training program under section
2.2 216C.2641;

2.3 (8) to pay additional labor costs for the federal weatherization program; and

2.4 (9) as an incentive for the increased production of weatherized units.

2.5 (b) Criteria for the allocation of state grants to local agencies include existing local
2.6 agency production levels, emergency needs, and the potential for maintaining or increasing
2.7 acceptable levels of production in the area.

2.8 (c) An eligible local agency may receive advance funding for 90 days' production, but
2.9 thereafter must receive grants solely on the basis of program criteria.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.11 Sec. 2. **[216C.2641] WEATHERIZATION TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2.12 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of commerce shall establish a
2.13 weatherization training grant program to award grants to employers to train workers for
2.14 careers in the weatherization industry.

2.15 Subd. 2. **Grants.** (a) The commissioner must award grants to employers through a
2.16 competitive grant process.

2.17 (b) An employer seeking a grant under this section must submit a written application to
2.18 the commissioner, using a form developed by the commissioner.

2.19 (c) Grants may be awarded under this section only to:

2.20 (1) a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the United
2.21 States Internal Revenue Code;

2.22 (2) a labor organization, as defined in section 179.01, subdivision 6; or

2.23 (3) a job training center or educational institution that the commissioner of commerce
2.24 determines has the ability to train workers for weatherization careers.

2.25 (d) Grant funds must be used to pay costs associated with training workers for careers
2.26 in the weatherization industry, including related supplies, materials, instruction, and
2.27 infrastructure.

2.28 (e) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall give priority to
2.29 applications that will provide the highest quality training to prepare trainees for
2.30 weatherization employment opportunities that meet technical standards and certifications
2.31 developed by the Building Performance Institute, Inc. or the Standard Work Specifications

3.1 developed by the United States Department of Energy for the federal Weatherization
3.2 Assistance Program.

3.3 Subd. 3. **Reports.** By January 15, 2024, and each January 15 thereafter, the commissioner
3.4 must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house
3.5 of representatives committees with jurisdiction over energy policy that details the use of
3.6 grant funds under this section, including data on the number of trainees trained and the
3.7 career progress of trainees supported by prior grants.

3.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.9 Sec. 3. **PREWEATHERIZATION MEASURES; APPROPRIATION.**

3.10 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the state fiscal recovery federal fund
3.11 to the commissioner of commerce to provide grants to community action agencies and other
3.12 agencies that weatherize residences to install preweatherization measures in residential
3.13 buildings occupied by eligible low-income households, as provided under Minnesota Statutes,
3.14 sections 216B.2403, subdivision 5; 216B.241, subdivision 7; and 216C.264. This is a onetime
3.15 appropriation. Money made available from the appropriation under this section must be
3.16 encumbered by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

3.17 (b) Of the amount appropriated in paragraph (a):

3.18 (1) up to ten percent may be used to supplement utility spending on preweatherization
3.19 measures as part of a low-income conservation program; and

3.20 (2) up to ten percent may be used to:

3.21 (i) recruit and train energy auditors and installers of weatherization assistance services;
3.22 and

3.23 (ii) provide financial incentives to contractors and workers who install weatherization
3.24 assistance services.

3.25 (c) For the purposes of this section:

3.26 (1) "low-income conservation program" means a utility program that offers energy
3.27 conservation services to low-income households as part of the utility's energy conservation
3.28 and optimization plan under sections 216B.2403, subdivision 5, and 216B.241, subdivision
3.29 7;

3.30 (2) "preweatherization measure" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.31 216B.2402, subdivision 20;

4.1 (3) "weatherization assistance program" means the federal program described in Code
4.2 of Federal Regulations, title 10, part 440 et seq., designed to assist low-income households
4.3 to cost-effectively reduce energy use; and

4.4 (4) "weatherization assistance services" means the energy conservation measures installed
4.5 in households under the weatherization assistance program and under low-income
4.6 conservation programs."

4.7 Amend the title accordingly