

Subject Weatherization Assistance Program

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Overview

House File 3905, as amended by the H3905DE5 amendment, provides additional appropriations to supplement federal weatherization program funds, which install weatherization measures in eligible low-income residences. The purposes for which these state funds may be used are expanded, and a grant program is established in the Department of Commerce to train workers to install weatherization measures.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>[216C.264] Coordinating residential weatherization programs.</p> <p>Subd. 5. Grant allocation. Expands activities that can be funded with grants issued by the state to supplement the federal weatherization program. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ installing preweatherization measures (a list is to be produced by the commissioner of commerce) and addressing other physical deficiencies in eligible residences that prevent the use of federal weatherization funds under current federal law;▪ conducting outreach activities to publicize the availability of weatherization assistance and assist households with applications; and▪ expanding training opportunities for weatherization workers. |
| 2 | <p>[216C.241] Weatherization training grant program.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Establishment. Establishes a training grant program in the Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Grants. Provides that eligible grantees include nonprofits, labor organizations, job training centers, and educational institutions.</p> |

Section **Description**

Subd. 3. Reports. Requires an annual report to the legislature on the use of grant funds.

3 **Prewetherization measures; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$..... from the state fiscal recovery federal fund to the commissioner of commerce for grants to community action agencies and other organizations to install preweatherization measures in residential buildings occupied by eligible low-income households. Up to ten percent of the appropriation may be used on preweatherization measures in utility-sponsored conservation programs, and an additional ten percent may be used to train energy auditors and provide financial incentives to weatherization contractors and workers.



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