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A BILL FOR

1 An Act making a standing appropriation to the energy policy
2 council to provide for grants to assist in the weatherization
3 of residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and
4 allocating sales and use tax revenues from the sale of
5 gas, electricity, and heat to a separate fund.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 93.18 FUND CREATED.

2 1. There is established in the office of the treasurer
3 of state an "energy efficiency programs fund" to which shall
4 be credited all revenues collected from the imposition of
5 the state sales, services, and use tax upon the gross receipts
6 from the sales, furnishing, or service of gas, electricity,
7 and heat to property used for residential, commercial, or
8 industrial purposes. The amount collected from property used
9 for residential purposes shall be credited to a separate
10 account for residential property within the energy efficiency
11 programs fund and is appropriated to the energy policy council
12 for the purposes designated in section 93.19. The amount
13 collected from property used for commercial or industrial
14 purposes shall be credited to a separate account for commercial
15 and industrial property within the energy efficiency programs
16 fund and is appropriated to the council for the purposes
17 designated in section 93.20.

18 2. The treasurer of state shall distribute from the fund
19 by July 15 of each year to the council the amount in the
20 separate accounts for residential and commercial and industrial
21 property as of July 1 of that year.

22 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 93.19 RESIDENTIAL GRANTS. The
23 council shall expend the funds distributed to it by the
24 treasurer of state from the separate account for residential
25 property as provided in section 93.18 to provide grants to
26 assist in the weatherization of residential dwellings. The
27 expenditure of funds received is limited as follows:

28 1. Not more than ten percent of the funds received in
29 a fiscal year shall be used for administration in that fiscal
30 year.

31 2. Not more than three hundred dollars shall be granted
32 to weatherize a single dwelling unit.

33 3. The amount of funds available for grants to dwelling
34 units within each county shall be determined on a per capita
35 basis.

1 4. At least seventy percent of a grant shall be used for
2 the purchase of materials directly related to the elimination
3 of energy loss.

4 5. Federal funds received shall be expended first when
5 possible.

6 6. Preference shall be given to providing grants for the
7 weatherization of the homes of persons sixty years of age
8 or older, persons handicapped or disabled, and lower income
9 families. Lower income families are those whose incomes do
10 not exceed one hundred twenty-five percent of the poverty
11 guidelines issued by the federal community services
12 administration. A handicapped or disabled person is an
13 individual who is handicapped as defined in 29 U.S.C. sec.
14 706, or is under a disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec.
15 423, subsection d, paragraph 1, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1382C,
16 subsection a, paragraph 3, subparagraph A, or in 42 U.S.C.
17 sec. 6001, subsection 7, or who is receiving benefits under
18 38 U.S.C. chapter 11 or 15.

19 Funds shall be used when possible to attract federal funds
20 for weatherization which require a state match.

21 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 93.20 BUSINESS GRANTS.

22 1. The council shall distribute the funds appropriated
23 to it by the treasurer of state from the separate account
24 for commercial and industrial property as provided in section
25 98.18 for the purpose of assisting in the weatherization of
26 commercial and industrial properties.

27 2. The funds shall be allocated equally between each of
28 the planning regions of the office for planning and pro-
29 gramming to provide grants to commercial and industrial
30 property owners for the weatherization of their buildings
31 as provided in subsection 3.

32 3. The expenditure of funds allocated to the planning
33 regions is limited as follows:

34 a. Not more than ten percent of the funds received in
35 a fiscal year shall be used for administration in that fiscal

1 year.

2 b. A grant to the owners of a commercial or industrial
3 property for the weatherization of a building shall not exceed
4 three percent of the yearly gas, electricity, and heat bill
5 for that building.

6 c. At least seventy percent of a grant shall be used for
7 the purchase of materials directly related to the elimination
8 of energy loss.

9 d. Federal funds received shall be expended first when
10 possible.

11 4. Funds shall be used when possible to attract federal
12 funds for weatherization which require a state match.

13 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 93.21 NO REVERSION. Funds
14 appropriated from the separate accounts of the energy
15 efficiency programs fund to the council under section 93.18
16 shall not be commingled and shall be expended in their entirety
17 and shall not revert to the energy efficiency programs fund
18 notwithstanding section 8.33.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that the revenues from the sales,
21 services, and use tax imposed on the sale, furnishing, or
22 service of gas, electricity, and heat to residential,
23 commercial, or industrial users be credited to a special fund
24 which is to be annually appropriated to the energy policy
25 council. These funds are to be used to provide grants to
26 assist in the weatherization of residential dwellings and
27 commercial and industrial buildings. Funds made up of the
28 tax collected from residential dwellings are to be available
29 solely for weatherization of residential dwellings while those
30 collected from commercial and industrial buildings are to
31 be available solely for those types of buildings. Not more
32 than ten percent of the funds can be used for administration.
33 The bill provides for a limit on the amount of the grants
34 which is \$300 per residential dwelling unit and 3 percent
35 of the annual utility bill of a commercial or industrial

1 building.

2 The bill takes effect July 1 following enactment.

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