

103A.27 Commission on energy efficiency standards and practices.

1. A commission on energy efficiency standards and practices is established within the department of public safety. The commission shall be composed of the following members:

- a. The state building code commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.
- b. The director of the office of energy independence, or the director's designee.
- c. A professional engineer licensed pursuant to [chapter 542B](#).
- d. An architect registered pursuant to [chapter 544A](#).
- e. Two individuals recognized in the construction industry as possessing expertise and experience in the construction or renovation of energy-efficient residential and commercial buildings.
- f. A member of a local planning and zoning commission or county board of supervisors.
- g. Three individuals representing gas and electric public utilities within this state, comprised of one individual representing rural electric cooperatives, one individual representing municipal utilities, and one individual representing investor-owned utilities.
- h. A local building official whose duties include enforcement of requirements for energy conservation in construction.

i. Two consumers, one of whom owns and occupies a residential building in this state and one of whom owns and occupies a building used in commercial business or manufacturing.

2. The commissioner shall appoint all members to the commission other than those members designated in [subsection 1](#), paragraphs "a" and "b". Appointment of members is subject to the requirements of [sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#). A vacancy on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the regular term in the same manner as regular appointments are made. Members appointed by the commissioner shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties. Such members may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#). A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

3. Duties of the commission shall include but are not limited to the following:

a. Evaluate energy efficiency standards applicable to existing or newly constructed residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and vertical infrastructure at the state and local level and make suggestions for their improvement and enforcement. The evaluation of energy efficiency standards shall include but not be limited to a review of the following:

(1) The reduction in energy usage likely to result from the adoption and enforcement of the standards.

(2) The effect of compliance with the standards on indoor air quality.

(3) The relationship of the standards to weatherization programs for existing housing stock and to the availability of affordable housing, including rental units.

b. Develop recommendations for new energy efficiency standards, specifications, or guidelines applicable to newly constructed residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and vertical infrastructure.

c. Develop recommendations for the establishment of incentives for energy efficiency construction projects which exceed currently applicable state and local building codes.

d. Develop recommendations for adoption of a statewide energy efficiency building labeling or rating system for residential, commercial, and industrial buildings and complexes.

e. Obtain input from individuals, groups, associations, and agencies in carrying out the duties specified in paragraphs "a" through "d", including but not limited to the Iowa league of cities regarding local building code adoption and enforcement in both large and small communities, the Iowa landlord association, the department of transportation, the department of public health, the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights regarding low-income residential customers, and obtain additional input from any other source that the commission determines appropriate.

4. The commission shall be formed for the two-year period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, and shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly by January 1, 2011, regarding its activities and recommendations. Administrative support shall be furnished by the department of public safety, with the assistance of the office of energy independence.

2008 Acts, ch 1133, §1, 9; 2009 Acts, ch 108, §7, 41