

# House Study Bill 13

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. INNOVATIONS FUND. There is appropriated from  
1 2 the innovations fund created in section 8.63 to the department  
1 3 of human rights for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000,  
1 4 and ending June 30, 2001, the following amount from moneys in  
1 5 the fund that are otherwise unencumbered or unobligated on the  
1 6 effective date of this Act, or so much thereof as is  
1 7 necessary, to be used for the purpose designated:

1 8 For supplementation of the low-income home energy  
1 9 assistance appropriation made in 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
1 10 section 11, to be used to help eligible households meet home  
1 11 energy costs in accordance with 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
1 12 section 11, subsection 4, and none of the following amount  
1 13 shall be used for administrative expenses:

1 14 ..... \$ 2,343,051

1 15 Sec. 2. HOUSING PROGRAM FUND. There is appropriated from  
1 16 the housing program fund created in section 16.40 to the  
1 17 department of human rights for the fiscal year beginning July  
1 18 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, the following amount from  
1 19 moneys in the fund that are otherwise unencumbered or  
1 20 unobligated on the effective date of this Act, or so much  
1 21 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purpose  
1 22 designated:

1 23 For supplementation of the low-income home energy  
1 24 assistance appropriation made in 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
1 25 section 11, to be used to help eligible households meet home  
1 26 energy costs in accordance with 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
1 27 section 11, subsection 4, and none of the following amount  
1 28 shall be used for administrative expenses:

1 29 ..... \$ 2,446,260

1 30 Sec. 3. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION FUND. There is  
1 31 appropriated from the groundwater protection fund created in  
1 32 section 455E.11 to the department of human rights for the  
1 33 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001,  
1 34 the following amount from moneys in the fund that are  
1 35 otherwise unencumbered or unobligated on the effective date of  
2 1 this Act, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for  
2 2 the purpose designated:

2 3 For supplementation of the low-income home energy  
2 4 assistance appropriation made in 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
2 5 section 11, to be used to help eligible households meet home  
2 6 energy costs in accordance with 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220,  
2 7 section 11, subsection 4, and none of the following amount  
2 8 shall be used for administrative expenses:

2 9 ..... \$ 5,900,000

2 10 Sec. 4. 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220, section 11,  
2 11 subsection 2, is amended by striking the subsection and  
2 12 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2 13 2. Not more than \$2,992,685 of the amounts of federal and  
2 14 state moneys appropriated for purposes of the low-income home  
2 15 energy assistance program for the federal fiscal year  
2 16 beginning October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001, and  
2 17 for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending  
2 18 June 30, 2001, that are actually received, shall be used for  
2 19 residential weatherization or other related home repairs for  
2 20 low-income households. Of this allocation amount, not more  
2 21 than 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses.

2 22 Sec. 5. 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220, section 11,  
2 23 subsection 3, is amended to read as follows:  
2 24 3. After subtracting the allocation in subsection 2,  
2 25 \$1,695,854

~~, or 10 percent of the remainder of the~~

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~~appropriation in this section actually received, whichever is~~

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~~less,~~

- is allocated for administrative expenses of the low-  
2 28 income home energy assistance program. Not more than \$290,000  
2 29 of the amount allocated in this subsection shall be used for  
2 30 administrative expenses of the division. Funding for  
2 31 administrative expenses of any type from the amounts  
2 32 appropriated for the program in this Act and from state  
2 33 funding sources for the state fiscal year beginning July 1,  
2 34 2000, shall be limited to the amounts authorized in this  
2 35 subsection. The costs of auditing the use and administration  
3 1 of the portion of the appropriation in this section that is  
3 2 retained by the state shall be paid from the amount allocated  
3 3 in this subsection to the division. The auditor of state  
3 4 shall bill the division for the audit costs.

3 5 Sec. 6. 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220, section 11,  
3 6 subsection 6, is amended to read as follows:

3 7 6. Expenditures for assessment and resolution of energy  
3 8 problems shall be limited to

~~5 percent of the amount~~

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~~appropriated in this section~~

- \$640,561 from the amounts  
3 10 appropriated in this Act and any other Act providing funding  
3 11 for purposes of the low-income home energy assistance program  
3 12 for all or a portion of the federal fiscal year beginning  
3 13 October 1, 2000, and ending September 30, 2001, that is  
3 14 actually received.

3 15 Sec. 7. 2000 Iowa Acts, chapter 1220, section 17,  
3 16 subsection 2, is amended to read as follows:

3 17 2. If actual funds received from the federal government  
3 18 from block grants exceed the amount appropriated in section 11  
3 19 of this Act for the low-income home energy assistance program,  
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- 100 percent of the excess shall be allocated to

~~the low-~~

3 21

~~income residential weatherization program~~

- help eligible  
3 22 households meet home energy costs in accordance with section  
3 23 11, subsection 4.

3 24 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
3 25 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 26 EXPLANATION

3 27 This bill provides supplemental funding for the low-income  
3 28 home energy assistance program for the fiscal year beginning  
3 29 July 1, 2000. The appropriation of federal block grant

3 30 funding made to the program is supplemented with  
3 31 appropriations made from the innovations fund, housing program  
3 32 fund, and groundwater protection fund. The supplemental  
3 33 amounts are to be used to help eligible households meet home  
3 34 energy costs.

3 35 In addition, the existing appropriation of federal block  
4 1 grant funding for the program is amended to specify the amount  
4 2 of funding that may be used for residential weatherization or  
4 3 other home repair, for administrative costs, and for  
4 4 assessment and resolution of energy problems. Existing law is  
4 5 also amended to provide that if more federal funding is  
4 6 received for the purposes of the block grant than was  
4 7 anticipated, all of the additional funding must be used to  
4 8 help eligible households meet home energy costs in lieu of the  
4 9 existing allocation of 15 percent of the additional funding  
4 10 for weatherization.

4 11 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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