

# House File 681 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an energy city designation program.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
3 TLSB 2598HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 473.41 ENERGY CITY DESIGNATION  
1 2 PROGRAM.  
1 3 1. The department shall establish an energy city  
1 4 designation program, with the objective of encouraging cities  
1 5 to develop and implement innovative energy efficiency  
1 6 programs. To qualify for designation as an energy city, a  
1 7 city shall submit an application on forms prescribed by the  
1 8 department by rule, indicating the following:  
1 9 a. Submission of community-based plans for energy  
1 10 reduction projects, energy-efficient building construction and  
1 11 rehabilitation, and alternative or renewable energy  
1 12 production.  
1 13 b. Efforts to secure local funding for community-based  
1 14 plans, and documentation of any state or federal grant or loan  
1 15 funding being pursued in connection therewith.  
1 16 c. Involvement of local schools, civic organizations,  
1 17 chambers of commerce, and private groups in a community-based  
1 18 plan.  
1 19 d. Existing or proposed ordinances encouraging energy  
1 20 efficiency and conservation, recycling efforts, and  
1 21 energy-efficient building code provisions and enforcement.  
1 22 e. Organization of an energy day observance and  
1 23 proclamation with a commemorating event and awards ceremony  
1 24 for leading energy-efficient community businesses, groups,  
1 25 schools, or individuals.  
1 26 2. The department shall establish by rule criteria for  
1 27 awarding energy city designations. Rules shall also be  
1 28 established identifying and publicizing state grant and loan  
1 29 programs relating to energy efficiency, and the development of  
1 30 a procedure whereby the department shall coordinate with other  
1 31 state agencies preferences given in the awarding of grants or  
1 32 making of loans to energy city designated applicants.

### EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill provides for the establishment by the department  
1 35 of natural resources of an energy city designation. The  
2 1 objective of the designation shall be to encourage cities to  
2 2 develop and implement innovative energy efficiency programs.  
2 3 To qualify for designation as an energy city, the bill  
2 4 provides that a city shall submit an application including the  
2 5 submission of community-based plans for energy reduction  
2 6 projects, energy-efficient building construction and  
2 7 rehabilitation, and alternative or renewable energy  
2 8 production; efforts to secure local funding for those plans;  
2 9 involvement of local schools and community organizations; any  
2 10 existing or proposed ordinances encouraging energy efficiency  
2 11 and conservation, recycling efforts, and energy-efficient  
2 12 building code provisions and enforcement; and the organization  
2 13 of an energy day observance and proclamation with a  
2 14 commemorating event and awards ceremony for leading  
2 15 energy-efficient community businesses, groups, schools, or  
2 16 individuals.  
2 17 The bill provides that the department shall establish  
2 18 designation criteria by rule, and shall identify and publicize  
2 19 state grant and loan programs relating to energy efficiency.  
2 20 Additionally, the department is directed to develop a  
2 21 procedure for coordinating with other state agencies

2 22 preferences given in the awarding of grants or making of loans  
2 23 to energy city designated applicants.  
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