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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting rate-regulated gas and electric utilities to
2 aggregate energy efficiency program funding, administration,
3 and delivery, and to utilize a third party for such
4 administration and delivery secured through a competitive
5 bidding process.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, paragraph a, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. (1) Gas and electric utilities required to be
1 4 rate-regulated under this chapter shall file energy efficiency
1 5 plans with the board. An energy efficiency plan and budget
1 6 shall include a range of programs, tailored to the needs of
1 7 all customer classes, including residential, commercial, and
1 8 industrial customers, for energy efficiency opportunities.
1 9 The plans shall include programs for qualified low-income
1 10 persons including a cooperative program with any community
1 11 action agency within the utility's service area to implement
1 12 countywide or communitywide energy efficiency programs for
1 13 qualified low-income persons. Rate-regulated gas and electric
1 14 utilities shall utilize Iowa agencies and Iowa contractors to
1 15 the maximum extent cost-effective in their energy efficiency
1 16 plans filed with the board.
1 17 (2) Gas and electric utilities required to be
1 18 rate-regulated under this chapter may combine or aggregate the
1 19 energy efficiency program administration, delivery, and
1 20 budgets contained in energy efficiency plans submitted to and
1 21 approved by the board for each respective utility, and may
1 22 contract for administration and delivery of the combined or
1 23 aggregated energy efficiency programs through a third-party
1 24 provider. The third-party provider shall be selected pursuant
1 25 to a competitive bidding process under rules adopted by the
1 26 board. The board shall require each utility contracting with
1 27 a third-party provider for combined or aggregated energy
1 28 efficiency program administration and delivery to file a
1 29 report with the board at least annually summarizing results
1 30 achieved and savings realized through the combined or
1 31 aggregated administration and delivery, and the board shall by
1 32 rule develop a mechanism for monitoring and supervising such
1 33 third-party providers.

EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill provides gas and electric utilities
1 35 rate-regulated pursuant to Code chapter 476 to aggregate
2 1 energy efficiency program funding, administration, and
2 2 delivery and utilize a third party for such administration and
2 3 delivery secured through a competitive bidding process.
2 4 Code section 476.6, subsections 14 and 16, require
2 5 rate-regulated gas and electric utilities to develop energy
2 6 efficiency plans for the delivery of energy efficiency
2 7 programs to all customer classes for energy efficiency
2 8 opportunities. The bill provides for combination or
2 9 aggregation of plans submitted to the utilities board by each
2 10 utility and approved by the board. The bill provides that a
2 11 third-party provider shall be selected pursuant to a
2 12 competitive bidding process under rules adopted by the board,
2 13 and that the board shall require each utility contracting with
2 14 a third-party provider for combined or aggregated energy
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