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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the operation and purview of the office of
2 energy independence, by transferring authority over specified
3 energy-related measures and programs from the department of
4 natural resources to the office of energy independence, and
5 providing transition provisions relating to the transfer of
6 authority.
7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 7D.34, subsection 2, paragraphs b and
2 c, Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:
3 b. Before a state agency seeks approval of the executive
4 council for leasing real or personal properties or facilities
5 for use as or in connection with any energy conservation
6 measure, the state agency shall have a comprehensive
7 engineering analysis done on a building in which it seeks to
8 improve the energy efficiency by an engineering firm approved
9 by the ~~department of natural resources~~ office of energy
10 independence through a competitive selection process and the
11 engineering firm is subject to approval of the executive
12 council. Provisions of this section shall only apply to
13 energy conservation measures identified in the comprehensive
14 engineering analysis.
15 c. Before the executive council gives its approval for a
16 state agency to lease real and personal properties or
17 facilities for use as or in connection with any energy
18 conservation measure, the executive council shall in
19 conjunction with the ~~department of natural resources~~ office of
20 energy independence and after review of the engineering
21 analysis submitted by the state agency make a determination
22 that the properties or facilities will result in energy cost
23 savings to the state in an amount that results in the state
24 recovering the cost of the properties or facilities within six
25 years after the initial acquisition of the properties or
26 facilities.
27 Sec. 2. Section 7D.35, Code 2009, is amended to read as
28 follows:
29 7D.35 DISPUTE RESOLUTION.
30 The executive council shall resolve any disputes
31 transmitted to it by the ~~department of natural resources~~
32 office of energy independence, the state building code
33 commissioner, or both, arising under section 470.7.
34 Sec. 3. Section 7E.5, subsection 1, paragraph q, Code
35 2009, is amended to read as follows:
36 q. The department of natural resources, created in section
37 455A.2, which has primary responsibility for state parks and
38 forests, protecting the environment, and managing ~~energy~~,
39 fish, wildlife, and land and water resources.
40 Sec. 4. Section 8A.362, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code
41 2009, is amended to read as follows:
42 c. Not later than June 15 of each year, the director shall
43 report compliance with the corporate average fuel economy
44 standards published by the United States secretary of
45 transportation for new motor vehicles, other than motor
46 vehicles purchased by the state department of transportation,
47 institutions under the control of the state board of regents,
48 the department for the blind, and any other state agency
49 exempted from the requirements of this subsection. The report

2 15 of compliance shall classify the vehicles purchased for the
2 16 current vehicle model year using the following categories:
2 17 passenger automobiles, enforcement automobiles, vans, and
2 18 light trucks. The director shall deliver a copy of the report
2 19 to the ~~department of natural resources~~ office of energy
2 20 independence. As used in this paragraph, "corporate average
2 21 fuel economy" means the corporate average fuel economy as
2 22 defined in 49 C.F.R. } 533.5.

2 23 Sec. 5. Section 72.5, subsection 2, Code 2009, is amended
2 24 to read as follows:

2 25 2. The director of the ~~department of natural resources~~
2 26 office of energy independence in consultation with the
2 27 department of management, state building code commissioner,
2 28 and state fire marshal, shall develop standards and methods to
2 29 evaluate design development documents and construction
2 30 documents based upon life cycle cost factors to facilitate
2 31 fair and uniform comparisons between design proposals and
2 32 informed decision making by public bodies.

2 33 Sec. 6. Section 103A.8, subsection 7, Code 2009, is
2 34 amended to read as follows:

2 35 7. Limit the application of thermal efficiency standards
3 1 for energy conservation to construction of buildings which are
3 2 heated or cooled. Air exchange fans designed to provide
3 3 ventilation shall not be considered a cooling system. The
3 4 commissioner shall exempt any construction from any thermal
3 5 efficiency standard for energy conservation if the
3 6 commissioner determines that the standard is unreasonable as
3 7 it would apply to a particular building or class of buildings.
3 8 No standard adopted by the commissioner for energy
3 9 conservation in construction shall be interpreted to require
3 10 the replacement or modification of any existing equipment or
3 11 feature solely to ensure compliance with requirements for
3 12 energy conservation in construction. Lighting efficiency
3 13 standards shall recognize variations in lighting intensities
3 14 required for the various tasks performed within the building.
3 15 The commissioner shall consult with the ~~department of natural~~
3 16 ~~resources~~ office of energy independence regarding standards
3 17 for energy conservation prior to the adoption of the
3 18 standards. However, the standards shall be consistent with
3 19 section 103A.8A.

3 20 Sec. 7. Section 103A.27, subsection 4, Code 2009, is
3 21 amended to read as follows:

3 22 4. The commission shall be formed for the two-year period
3 23 beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2010, and shall
3 24 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly by
3 25 January 1, 2011, regarding its activities and recommendations.
3 26 Administrative support shall be furnished by the department of
3 27 public safety, with the assistance of the office of energy
3 28 independence and the ~~department of natural resources~~.

3 29 Sec. 8. Section 159A.3, subsection 4, Code 2009, is
3 30 amended to read as follows:

3 31 4. The office and state entities, including the
3 32 department, the committee, the Iowa department of economic
3 33 development, the state department of transportation, the
3 34 ~~department of natural resources~~ office of energy independence,
3 35 and the state board of regents institutions, shall cooperate
4 1 to implement this section.

4 2 Sec. 9. Section 159A.4, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
4 3 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 4 d. The director of the ~~department of natural resources~~
4 5 office of energy independence, or a person designated by the
4 6 director, representing the ~~department of natural resources~~
4 7 office of energy independence.

4 8 Sec. 10. Section 159A.4, subsection 1, unnumbered
4 9 paragraph 2, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 10 The governor shall appoint persons who shall be confirmed
4 11 by the senate, pursuant to section 2.32, to serve as voting
4 12 members of the committee. However, the secretary of
4 13 agriculture shall appoint the person representing the
4 14 department of agriculture and land stewardship, the director
4 15 of the Iowa department of economic development shall appoint
4 16 the person representing that department, the director of the
4 17 state department of transportation shall appoint the person
4 18 representing that department, and the director of the
4 19 ~~department of natural resources~~ office of energy independence
4 20 shall appoint the person representing ~~that department the~~
4 21 office. The governor may make appointments of persons
4 22 representing organizations listed under paragraphs "g" through
4 23 "i" from a list of candidates which shall be provided by the
4 24 organization upon request by the governor.

4 25 Sec. 11. Section 159A.6B, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code

4 26 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 27 The office may execute contracts in order to provide
4 28 technical support and outreach services for purposes of
4 29 assisting and educating interested persons as provided in this
4 30 section. The office may also contract with a consultant to
4 31 provide part or all of these services. The office may require
4 32 that a person receiving assistance pursuant to this section
4 33 contribute up to fifty percent of the amount required to
4 34 support the costs of contracting with the consultant to
4 35 provide assistance to the person. The office shall assist the
5 1 person in completing any technical information required in
5 2 order to receive assistance by the department of economic
5 3 development pursuant to the value-added agricultural products
5 4 and processes financial assistance program created pursuant to
5 5 section 15E.111. The office shall cooperate with the
5 6 department of economic development, the ~~department of natural~~
5 7 ~~resources office of energy independence~~, and regents
5 8 institutions or other universities and colleges as provided in
5 9 section 15E.111, in order to carry out this section.

5 10 Sec. 12. Section 214A.19, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
5 11 amended to read as follows:

5 12 1. The ~~department of natural resources office of energy~~
5 13 ~~independence~~, conditioned upon the availability of funds, is
5 14 authorized to award demonstration grants to persons who
5 15 purchase vehicles which operate on alternative fuels,
5 16 including but not limited to E-85 gasoline, biodiesel,
5 17 compressed natural gas, electricity, solar energy, or
5 18 hydrogen. A grant shall be for the purpose of conducting
5 19 research connected with the fuel or the vehicle, and not for
5 20 the purchase of the vehicle itself, except that the money may
5 21 be used for the purchase of the vehicle if all of the
5 22 following conditions are satisfied:

- 5 23 a. The ~~department office~~ retains the title to the vehicle.
5 24 b. The vehicle is used for continuing research.
5 25 c. If the vehicle is sold or when the research related to
5 26 the vehicle is completed, the proceeds of the sale of the
5 27 vehicle shall be used for additional research.

5 28 Sec. 13. Section 266.39C, subsection 2, paragraph a,
5 29 subparagraph (6), Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5 30 (6) One representative of the ~~department of natural~~
5 31 ~~resources office of energy independence~~, appointed by the
5 32 director.

5 33 Sec. 14. Section 272C.2, subsection 3, Code 2009, is
5 34 amended to read as follows:

5 35 3. The state board of engineering and land surveyors, the
6 1 board of architectural examiners, the board of landscape
6 2 architectural examiners, and the ~~department of natural~~
6 3 ~~resources office of energy independence~~ shall cooperate with
6 4 each other and with persons who typically offer continuing
6 5 education courses for design professionals to make available
6 6 energy efficiency related continuing education courses, and to
6 7 encourage interdisciplinary cooperation and education
6 8 concerning available energy efficiency strategies for
6 9 employment in the state's construction industry.

6 10 Sec. 15. Section 279.44, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
6 11 2009, is amended to read as follows:

6 12 Between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1991, and on a staggered
6 13 annual basis each five years thereafter, the board of
6 14 directors of each school district shall file with the
6 15 ~~department of natural resources office of energy independence~~,
6 16 on forms prescribed by the ~~department of natural resources~~
6 17 ~~office~~, the results of an energy audit of the buildings owned
6 18 and leased by the school district. The energy audit shall be
6 19 conducted under rules adopted by the ~~department of natural~~
6 20 ~~resources office~~ pursuant to chapter 17A. The ~~department of~~
6 21 ~~natural resources office~~ may waive the requirement for the
6 22 initial and subsequent energy audits for school districts that
6 23 submit evidence that energy audits were conducted prior to
6 24 January 1, 1987 and energy consumption for the district is at
6 25 an adjusted statewide average or below.

6 26 Sec. 16. Section 323A.2, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
6 27 2009, is amended to read as follows:

6 28 c. The director of the ~~department of natural resources~~
6 29 ~~office of energy independence~~ determines that the franchisee
6 30 has demonstrated that a special hardship exists in the
6 31 community served by the franchisee relating to the public
6 32 health, safety, and welfare, as specified under the rules of
6 33 the ~~department of natural resources office~~.

6 34 Sec. 17. Section 441.21, subsection 8, paragraph c,
6 35 subparagraph (2), unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2009, is
7 1 amended to read as follows:

7 2 In assessing and valuing the property for tax purposes, the
7 3 assessor shall disregard any market value added by a solar
7 4 energy system to a building. The director of revenue shall
7 5 adopt rules, after consultation with the ~~department of natural~~
~~7 6 resources office of energy independence~~, specifying the types
7 7 of equipment and structural components to be included under
7 8 the guidelines provided in this subsection.
7 9 Sec. 18. Section 455A.2, Code 2009, is amended to read as
7 10 follows:
7 11 455A.2 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
7 12 A department of natural resources is created, which has the
7 13 primary responsibility for state parks and forests, protecting
7 14 the environment, and managing ~~energy~~, fish, wildlife, and land
7 15 and water resources in this state.
7 16 Sec. 19. Section 469.3, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
7 17 amended to read as follows:
7 18 2. The director shall do all of the following:
7 19 a. Direct the office of energy independence.
7 20 b. Coordinate the administration of the Iowa power fund.
7 21 c. Lead outreach and public education efforts concerning
7 22 renewable energy, renewable fuels, and energy efficiency.
7 23 d. Pursue new research and investment funds from federal
7 24 and private sources.
7 25 e. Coordinate and monitor all existing state and federal
7 26 renewable energy, renewable fuels, and energy efficiency
7 27 grants, programs, and policy.
7 28 f. Advise the governor and general assembly concerning
7 29 renewable energy, renewable fuels, and energy efficiency
7 30 policy and legislation.
7 31 g. Establish performance measures for determining
7 32 effectiveness of renewable energy, renewable fuels, and energy
7 33 efficiency efforts.
7 34 h. Contract for and utilize assistance from the department
7 35 of economic development regarding administration of grants,
8 1 loans, and other financial incentives related to section
8 2 469.9, subsection 4, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), the
8 3 department of natural resources and the utilities board
8 4 regarding assistance in the administration of grants, loans,
8 5 and other financial incentives related to section 469.9,
8 6 subsection 4, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2), and other state
8 7 agencies as appropriate.
8 8 i. Develop an Iowa energy independence plan pursuant to
8 9 section 469.4.
8 10 j. Approve engineering firms for performance of
8 11 comprehensive engineering analyses done on buildings in which
8 12 a state agency seeks to improve energy efficiency pursuant to
8 13 section 7D.34.
8 14 k. Develop standards and methods to evaluate design
8 15 development and construction documents based on life cycle
8 16 cost factors in relation to design proposals submitted
8 17 pursuant to section 72.5.
8 18 l. Coordinate with other state agencies regarding
8 19 implementation of the office of renewable fuels and coproducts
8 20 pursuant to section 159A.3, serve on the renewable fuels and
8 21 coproducts advisory committee, and assist in providing
8 22 technical assistance to new or existing renewable fuel
8 23 production facilities.
8 24 m. Award demonstration grants for alternative fuels
8 25 research pursuant to section 214A.19.
8 26 n. Appoint a representative to serve on the Iowa energy
8 27 center advisory council established in section 266.39C.
8 28 o. Make available energy efficiency related continuing
8 29 education courses pursuant to section 272C.2.
8 30 p. Receive results relating to energy audits from school
8 31 districts and perform related functions pursuant to section
8 32 279.44.
8 33 q. Determine whether special hardship criteria has been
8 34 demonstrated regarding franchise alternative fuel purchases
8 35 pursuant to section 323A.2.
9 1 r. Consult with the state building code commissioner
9 2 regarding submissions of life cycle cost analyses pursuant to
9 3 section 470.7.
9 4 s. Compile energy-related information, administer and
9 5 coordinate the state building energy management program, and
9 6 perform additional responsibilities specified in section
9 7 473.7.
9 8 t. Transmit by resolution to the governor a determination
9 9 of actual or impending acute usable energy shortage pursuant
9 10 to section 473.8.
9 11 u. Operate a liquid fossil fuel set-aside program as
9 12 required in section 473.10.

9 13 v. Administer the building energy management program, the
9 14 building energy management fund, and the energy loan program
9 15 established in sections 473.19, 473.19A, and 473.20,
9 16 respectively.
9 17 w. Coordinate the energy city designation program created
9 18 in section 473.41.
9 19 x. Provide assistance to local government bodies and the
9 20 public regarding access to solar energy pursuant to section
9 21 564A.9.

9 22 ~~j.~~ y. Submit an annual report to the governor and general
9 23 assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities
9 24 and programs of the office, Iowa power fund, and other
9 25 departments related to renewable energy, renewable fuels, and
9 26 energy efficiency. The report shall include an assessment of
9 27 needs with respect to renewable energy, renewable fuels, and
9 28 energy efficiency efforts and policy and fiscal
9 29 recommendations for renewable energy, renewable fuels, and
9 30 energy efficiency. In addition, the director shall review
9 31 issues relating to the transportation of biofuels and explore
9 32 leading and participating in multistate efforts relating to
9 33 renewable energy and energy efficiency.

9 34 ~~k.~~ z. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A concerning the
9 35 office, the Iowa power fund, and the programs and functions of
10 1 the office and the fund.

10 2 Sec. 20. Section 469.4, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
10 3 amended to read as follows:

10 4 1. The director shall develop an Iowa energy independence
10 5 plan ~~with the assistance of the department of natural~~
~~10 6 resources as provided in section 473.7, and in association~~
10 7 with public and private partners selected by the director
10 8 including representatives of the energy industry,
10 9 environmental interests, agricultural interests, business
10 10 interests, other interested parties, and members of the
10 11 general public. The plan shall be subject to approval by the
10 12 board.

10 13 Sec. 21. Section 469.10, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
10 14 amended to read as follows:

10 15 2. a. Of the moneys appropriated to the office and
10 16 deposited in the fund, the office shall utilize up to three
10 17 and five-tenths percent of the amount appropriated from the
10 18 fund for a fiscal year for administrative costs.

10 19 b. From the funds available for administrative costs, the
10 20 office shall not employ more than four full-time equivalent
10 21 positions. ~~Notwithstanding any other limitation, the director~~
~~10 22 may use funds received from any source other than the state~~
~~10 23 general fund to employ personnel necessary to administer any~~
~~10 24 program assigned to the office or to another state agency.~~

10 25 Sec. 22. Section 470.1, Code 2009, is amended to read as
10 26 follows:

10 27 470.1 DEFINITIONS.

10 28 As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise
10 29 requires:

10 30 1. "Commissioner" means the state building code
10 31 commissioner.

10 32 ~~2. "Department" means the department of natural resources.~~

10 33 ~~3. 2. "Director" means the director of the department of~~
~~10 34 natural resources office of energy independence.~~

10 35 ~~4. 3. "Economic life" means the projected or anticipated~~
11 1 useful life of a facility as expressed by a term of years.

11 2 ~~5. 4. "Energy system" includes but is not limited to the~~
11 3 following equipment or measures:

11 4 a. Equipment used to heat or cool the facility.

11 5 b. Equipment used to heat water in the facility.

11 6 c. On-site equipment used to generate electricity for the
11 7 major facility.

11 8 d. On-site equipment that uses the sun, wind, oil, natural
11 9 gas, coal or electricity as a power source.

11 10 e. Energy conservation measures in the facility design and
11 11 construction that decrease the energy requirements of the
11 12 facility.

11 13 ~~6. 5. "Facility" means a building having twenty thousand~~
11 14 square feet or more of usable floor space that is heated or
11 15 cooled by a mechanical or electrical system or any building,
11 16 system, or physical operation which consumes more than forty
11 17 thousand British thermal units (BTUs) per square foot per
11 18 year.

11 19 ~~7. 6. "Initial cost" means the moneys required for the~~
11 20 capital construction or renovation of a facility.

11 21 ~~8. 7. "Life cycle cost analysis" means an analytical~~
11 22 technique that considers certain costs of owning, using and
11 23 operating a facility over its economic life including but not

11 24 limited to the following:

- 11 25 a. Initial costs.
- 11 26 b. System repair and replacement costs.
- 11 27 c. Maintenance costs.
- 11 28 d. Operating costs, including energy costs.
- 11 29 e. Salvage value.

11 30 8. "Office" means the office of energy independence
11 31 established in section 469.2.

11 32 9. "Public agency" means a state agency, political
11 33 subdivision of the state, school district, area education
11 34 agency, or community college.

11 35 10. "Renovation" means a project where additions or
12 1 alterations exceed fifty percent of the value of a facility
12 2 and will affect an energy system.

12 3 Sec. 23. Section 470.3, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
12 4 amended to read as follows:

12 5 2. A public agency or a person preparing a life cycle cost
12 6 analysis for a public agency shall consider the methods and
12 7 analytical models provided by the ~~department office~~ and
12 8 available through the commissioner, which are suited to the
12 9 purpose for which the project is intended. Within sixty days
12 10 of final selection of a design architect or engineer, a public
12 11 agency, which is also a state agency under section 7D.34,
12 12 shall notify the commissioner and the ~~department office~~ of the
12 13 methodology to be used to perform the life cycle cost
12 14 analysis, on forms provided by the ~~department office~~.

12 15 Sec. 24. Section 470.7, Code 2009, is amended to read as
12 16 follows:

12 17 470.7 LIFE CYCLE COST ANALYSIS == APPROVAL.

12 18 1. The public agency responsible for the new construction
12 19 or renovation of a public facility shall submit a copy of the
12 20 life cycle cost analysis for review by the commissioner who
12 21 shall consult with the ~~department office~~. If the public
12 22 agency is also a state agency under section 7D.34, comments by
12 23 the ~~department office~~ or the commissioner, including any
12 24 recommendation for changes in the analysis, shall, within
12 25 thirty days of receipt of the analysis, be forwarded in
12 26 writing to the public agency. If either the ~~department office~~
12 27 or the commissioner disagrees with any aspects of the life
12 28 cycle cost analysis, the public agency affected shall timely
12 29 respond in writing to the commissioner and the ~~department~~
12 30 ~~office~~. The response shall indicate whether the agency
12 31 intends to implement the recommendations and, if the agency
12 32 does not intend to implement them, the public agency shall
12 33 present its reasons. The reasons may include, but are not
12 34 limited to, a description of the purpose of the facility or
12 35 renovation, preservation of historical architectural features,
13 1 architectural and site considerations, and health and safety
13 2 concerns.

13 3 2. Within thirty days of receipt of the response of the
13 4 public agency affected, the ~~department office~~, the
13 5 commissioner, or both, shall notify in writing the public
13 6 agency affected of the ~~department's office's~~, the
13 7 commissioner's, or both's agreement or disagreement with the
13 8 response. In the event of a disagreement, the ~~department~~
13 9 ~~office~~, the commissioner, or both, shall at the same time
13 10 transmit the notification of disagreement with response and
13 11 related papers to the executive council for resolution
13 12 pursuant to section 7D.34. The life cycle cost analysis
13 13 process, including submittal and approval, and implementation
13 14 exemption requests pursuant to section 470.8, shall be
13 15 completed prior to the letting of contracts for the
13 16 construction or renovation of a facility.

13 17 Sec. 25. Section 473.1, Code 2009, is amended to read as
13 18 follows:

13 19 473.1 DEFINITIONS.

13 20 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
13 21 requires:

13 22 1. "Alternative and renewable energy" means the same as in
13 23 section 469.31.

13 24 2. "Commission" means the environmental protection
13 25 commission of the department of natural resources.

13 26 3. ~~"Department" means the department of natural resources~~
13 27 ~~created under section 455A.2.~~

13 28 4. 3. "Director" means the director of the ~~department~~
13 29 ~~office~~ or a designee.

13 30 5. 4. "Energy" or "energy sources" means gasoline, fuel
13 31 oil, natural gas, propane, coal, special fuels and
13 32 electricity.

13 33 5. "Office" means the office of energy independence
13 34 established in section 469.2.

13 35 6. "Renewable fuel" means the same as in section 469.31.
14 1 7. "Supplier" means any person engaged in the business of
14 2 selling, importing, storing, or generating energy sources,
14 3 alternative and renewable energy, or renewable fuel in Iowa.
14 4 Sec. 26. Section 473.7, Code 2009, is amended to read as
14 5 follows:
14 6 473.7 DUTIES OF THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ OFFICE.
14 7 The ~~department~~ office shall:
14 8 1. ~~Assist the director of the office of energy~~
~~14 9 independence with preparation of the Iowa energy independence~~
~~14 10 plan as provided in section 469.4. In addition to assistance~~
~~14 11 requested by the director, the department shall supply Supply~~
14 12 and annually update the following information:
14 13 a. The historical use and distribution of energy in Iowa.
14 14 b. The growth rate of energy consumption in Iowa,
14 15 including rates of growth for each energy source.
14 16 c. A projection of Iowa's energy needs at a minimum
14 17 through the year 2025.
14 18 d. The impact of meeting Iowa's energy needs on the
14 19 economy of the state, including the impact of energy
14 20 efficiency and renewable energy on employment and economic
14 21 development.
14 22 e. The impact of meeting Iowa's energy needs on the
14 23 environment of the state, including the impact of energy
14 24 production and use on greenhouse gas emissions.
14 25 f. An evaluation of renewable energy sources, including
14 26 the current and future technological potential for such
14 27 sources.
14 28 2. a. The ~~department~~ office shall collect and analyze
14 29 data to use in forecasting future energy demand and supply for
14 30 the state. A supplier is required to provide information
14 31 pertaining to the supply, storage, distribution, and sale of
14 32 energy sources in this state when requested by the ~~department~~
14 33 office. The information shall be of a nature which directly
14 34 relates to the supply, storage, distribution, and sale of
14 35 energy sources, and shall not include any records, documents,
15 1 books, or other data which relate to the financial position of
15 2 the supplier. The ~~department~~ office, prior to requiring any
15 3 supplier to furnish it with such information, shall make every
15 4 reasonable effort to determine if such information is
15 5 available from any other governmental source. If it finds
15 6 such information is available, the ~~department~~ office shall not
15 7 require submission of the information from a supplier.
15 8 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 22, information and
15 9 reports obtained under this section shall be confidential
15 10 except when used for statistical purposes without identifying
15 11 a specific supplier and when release of the information will
15 12 not give an advantage to competitors and serves a public
15 13 purpose. The ~~department~~ office shall use this data to conduct
15 14 energy forecasts.
15 15 b. The ~~department~~ office may subpoena witnesses,
15 16 administer oaths, and require the production of records,
15 17 books, and documents for examination in order to obtain
15 18 information required to be submitted under this section. In
15 19 case of failure or refusal on the part of any person to comply
15 20 with a subpoena issued by the ~~department~~ office, or in case of
15 21 the refusal of any witness to testify as to any matter
15 22 regarding which the witness may be interrogated under this
15 23 chapter, the district court, upon the application of the
15 24 ~~department~~ office, may order the person to show cause why the
15 25 person should not be held in contempt for failure to testify
15 26 or comply with a subpoena, and may order the person to produce
15 27 the records, books, and documents for examination, and to give
15 28 testimony. The courts may punish for contempt as in the case
15 29 of disobedience to a like subpoena issued by the court, or for
15 30 refusal to testify.
15 31 3. Develop, recommend, and implement with appropriate
15 32 agencies public and professional education and communication
15 33 programs in energy efficiency, energy conservation, and
15 34 conversion to alternative and renewable energy.
15 35 4. When necessary to carry out its duties under this
16 1 chapter, enter into contracts with state agencies and other
16 2 qualified contractors.
16 3 5. Receive and accept grants made available for programs
16 4 relating to duties of the ~~department~~ office under this
16 5 chapter.
16 6 6. Promulgate rules necessary to carry out the provisions
16 7 of this chapter, subject to review in accordance with chapter
16 8 17A. Rules promulgated by the governor pursuant to a
16 9 proclamation issued under the provisions of section 473.8
16 10 shall not be subject to review or a public hearing as required

16 11 in chapter 17A; however, ~~agency office~~ rules for
16 12 implementation of the governor's proclamation are subject to
16 13 the requirements of chapter 17A.

16 14 7. Examine and determine whether additional state
16 15 regulatory authority is necessary to protect the public
16 16 interest and to promote the effective development,
16 17 utilization, and conservation of energy resources. If the
16 18 ~~department office~~ finds that additional regulatory authority
16 19 is necessary, the ~~department office~~ shall submit
16 20 recommendations to the general assembly concerning the nature
16 21 and extent of such regulatory authority and which state agency
16 22 should be assigned such regulatory responsibilities.

16 23 8. Develop and assist in the implementation of public
16 24 education and communications programs in energy development,
16 25 use and conservation, in cooperation with the department of
16 26 education, the state university extension services and other
16 27 public or private agencies and organizations as deemed
16 28 appropriate by the ~~department office~~.

16 29 9. ~~Develop, in coordination with the office of energy~~
~~16 30 independence~~, a program to annually give public recognition to
16 31 innovative methods of energy conservation, energy management,
16 32 and alternative and renewable energy production.

16 33 10. ~~Administer and coordinate, in coordination with the~~
~~16 34 office of energy independence~~, federal funds for energy
16 35 conservation, energy management, and alternative and renewable
17 1 energy programs.

17 2 11. Administer and coordinate the state building energy
17 3 management program including projects funded through private
17 4 financing.

17 5 12. Provide information from monthly fuel surveys which
17 6 establish a statistical average of motor fuel prices for
17 7 various motor fuels provided throughout the state.
17 8 Additionally, the ~~department office~~ shall provide statewide
17 9 monthly fuel survey information which establishes a
17 10 statistical average of motor fuel prices for various motor
17 11 fuels provided in both metropolitan and rural areas of the
17 12 state. The survey results shall be publicized in a monthly
17 13 press release issued by the ~~department office~~.

17 14 ~~13. Conduct a study on activities related to energy~~
~~17 15 production and use which contribute to global climate change~~
~~17 16 and the depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer. The study~~
~~17 17 shall identify the types and relative contributions of these~~
~~17 18 activities in Iowa. The department shall develop a strategy~~
~~17 19 to reduce emissions from activities identified as having an~~
~~17 20 adverse impact on the global climate and the stratospheric~~
~~17 21 ozone layer. The department shall submit a report containing~~
~~17 22 its findings and recommendations to the governor and general~~
~~17 23 assembly by January 1, 1992.~~

17 24 Sec. 27. Section 473.8, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009,
17 25 is amended to read as follows:

17 26 If the ~~department office~~ by resolution determines the
17 27 health, safety, or welfare of the people of this state is
17 28 threatened by an actual or impending acute shortage of usable
17 29 energy, it shall transmit the resolution to the governor
17 30 together with its recommendation on the declaration of an
17 31 emergency by the governor and recommended actions, if any, to
17 32 be undertaken. Within thirty days of the date of the
17 33 resolution, the governor may issue a proclamation of emergency
17 34 which shall be filed with the secretary of state. The
17 35 proclamation shall state the facts relied upon and the reasons
18 1 for the proclamation.

18 2 Sec. 28. Section 473.8, subsection 4, Code 2009, is
18 3 amended to read as follows:

18 4 4. Delegate any administrative authority vested in the
18 5 governor to the ~~department office~~ or the director.

18 6 Sec. 29. Section 473.10, Code 2009, is amended to read as
18 7 follows:

18 8 473.10 RESERVE REQUIRED.

18 9 1. If the ~~department office~~ or the governor finds that an
18 10 impending or actual shortage or distribution imbalance of
18 11 liquid fossil fuels may cause hardship or pose a threat to the
18 12 health and economic well-being of the people of the state or a
18 13 significant segment of the state's population, the ~~department~~
18 14 ~~office~~ or the governor may authorize the director to operate a
18 15 liquid fossil fuel set-aside program as provided in subsection
18 16 2.

18 17 2. Upon authorization by the ~~department office~~ or the
18 18 governor the director may require a prime supplier to reserve
18 19 a specified fraction of the prime supplier's projected total
18 20 monthly release of liquid fossil fuel in Iowa. The director
18 21 may release any or all of the fuel required to be reserved by

18 22 a prime supplier to end-users or to distributors for release
18 23 through normal retail distribution channels to retail
18 24 customers. However, the specified fraction required to be
18 25 reserved shall not exceed three percent for propane, aviation
18 26 fuel and residual oil, and five percent for motor gasoline,
18 27 heating oil, and diesel oil.

18 28 3. The ~~department office~~ shall periodically review and may
18 29 terminate the operation of a set-aside program authorized by
18 30 the ~~department office~~ under subsection 1 when the ~~department~~
18 31 ~~office~~ finds that the conditions that prompted the
18 32 authorization no longer exist. The governor shall
18 33 periodically review and may terminate the operation of a
18 34 set-aside program authorized by the governor under subsection
18 35 1 when the governor finds that the conditions that prompted
19 1 the authorization no longer exist.

19 2 4. The director shall adopt rules to implement this
19 3 section.

19 4 Sec. 30. Section 473.15, Code 2009, is amended to read as
19 5 follows:

19 6 473.15 ANNUAL REPORT.

19 7 The ~~department office~~ shall complete an annual report to
19 8 assess the progress of state agencies in implementing energy
19 9 management improvements, alternative and renewable energy
19 10 systems, and life cycle cost analyses under chapter 470, and
19 11 on the use of renewable fuels. The ~~department office~~ shall
19 12 work with state agencies and with any entity, agency, or
19 13 organization with which they are associated or involved in
19 14 such implementation, to use available information to minimize
19 15 the cost of preparing the report. The ~~department office~~ shall
19 16 also provide an assessment of the economic and environmental
19 17 impact of the progress made by state agencies related to
19 18 energy management and alternative and renewable energy, along
19 19 with recommendations on technological opportunities and
19 20 policies necessary for continued improvement in these areas.

19 21 Sec. 31. Section 473.19, Code 2009, is amended to read as
19 22 follows:

19 23 473.19 ~~ENERGY BANK BUILDING ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.~~

19 24 1. The ~~building energy bank management~~ program is
19 25 established by the ~~department office~~. The ~~building energy~~
19 26 ~~bank management~~ program consists of the following forms of
19 27 assistance for the state, state agencies, political
19 28 subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education
19 29 agencies, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations:

19 30 a. Promoting program availability.

19 31 b. Developing or identifying guidelines and model energy
19 32 techniques for the completion of energy analyses for state
19 33 agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school
19 34 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and
19 35 nonprofit organizations.

20 1 c. Providing technical assistance for conducting or
20 2 evaluating energy analyses for state agencies, political
20 3 subdivisions of the state, school districts, area education
20 4 agencies, community colleges, and nonprofit organizations.

20 5 d. Providing or facilitating loans, leases, and other
20 6 methods of alternative financing under the energy loan program
20 7 for the state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the
20 8 state, school districts, area education agencies, community
20 9 colleges, and nonprofit organizations to implement energy
20 10 management improvements or energy analyses.

20 11 e. Providing assistance for obtaining insurance on the
20 12 energy savings expected to be realized from the implementation
20 13 of energy management improvements.

20 14 f. Facilitating self-liquidating financing for the state,
20 15 state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school
20 16 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and
20 17 nonprofit organizations pursuant to section 473.20A.

20 18 g. Assisting the treasurer of state with financing
20 19 agreements entered into by the treasurer of state on behalf of
20 20 state agencies to finance energy management improvements
20 21 pursuant to section 12.28.

20 22 2. For the purpose of this section, section 473.20, and
20 23 section 473.20A, "energy management improvement" means
20 24 construction, rehabilitation, acquisition, or modification of
20 25 an installation in a facility or vehicle which is intended to
20 26 reduce energy consumption, or energy costs, or both, or allow
20 27 the use of alternative and renewable energy. "Energy
20 28 management improvement" may include control and measurement
20 29 devices. "Nonprofit organization" means an organization
20 30 exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of
20 31 the Internal Revenue Code.

20 32 3. The ~~department office~~ shall submit a report by January

20 33 1 annually to the governor and the general assembly detailing
20 34 services provided and assistance rendered pursuant to the
20 35 building energy bank management program and pursuant to
21 1 sections 473.20 and 473.20A, and receipts and disbursements in
21 2 relation to the building energy bank management fund created
21 3 in section 473.19A.

21 4 4. Moneys awarded or allocated to the state, its citizens,
21 5 or its political subdivisions as a result of the federal court
21 6 decisions and United States department of energy settlements
21 7 resulting from alleged violations of federal petroleum pricing
21 8 regulations attributable to or contained within the Stripper
21 9 Well fund shall be allocated to and remain under the control
21 10 of the department office for utilization for energy
21 11 program-related staff support purposes.

21 12 Sec. 32. Section 473.19A, Code 2009, is amended to read as
21 13 follows:

21 14 473.19A BUILDING ENERGY BANK MANAGEMENT FUND.

21 15 1. The building energy bank management fund is created
21 16 within the state treasury under the control of the department,
21 17 ~~in collaboration with the office of energy independence~~
21 18 ~~established in section 469.2 office.~~ The fund shall be used
21 19 for the operational expenses and administrative costs incurred
21 20 by the department office in facilitating and administering the
21 21 building energy bank management program established in section
21 22 473.19.

21 23 2. The building energy bank management fund shall consist
21 24 of amounts deposited into the fund or allocated from the
21 25 following sources:

21 26 a. Any moneys awarded or allocated to the state, its
21 27 citizens, or its political subdivisions as a result of the
21 28 federal court decisions and United States department of energy
21 29 settlements resulting from alleged violations of federal
21 30 petroleum pricing regulations attributable to or contained
21 31 within the Exxon fund. Amounts remaining in the oil
21 32 overcharge account established in section 455E.11, subsection
21 33 2, paragraph "e", Code 2007, and the energy conservation trust
21 34 established in section 473.11, Code 2007, as of June 30, 2008,
21 35 shall be deposited into the building energy bank management
22 1 fund pursuant to this paragraph, notwithstanding section 8.60,
22 2 subsection 15, Code 2007.

22 3 b. (1) Moneys received in the form of fees imposed upon
22 4 the state, state agencies, political subdivisions of the
22 5 state, school districts, area education agencies, community
22 6 colleges, and nonprofit organizations for services performed
22 7 or assistance rendered pursuant to the building energy bank
22 8 management program. Fees imposed pursuant to this paragraph
22 9 shall be established by the department office in an amount
22 10 corresponding to the operational expenses or administrative
22 11 costs incurred by the department office in performing services
22 12 or providing assistance authorized pursuant to the building
22 13 energy bank management program, as follows:

22 14 (a) For a building of up to twenty-five thousand square
22 15 feet, two thousand five hundred dollars.

22 16 (b) For a building in excess of twenty-five thousand
22 17 square feet, an additional eight cents per square foot.

22 18 (c) A building that houses more energy intensive functions
22 19 may be subject to a higher fee than the fees specified in
22 20 subparagraphs (a) and (b) as determined by the department
22 21 office.

22 22 (2) Any fees imposed shall be retained by the department
22 23 office and are appropriated to the department office for
22 24 purposes of providing services or assistance under the
22 25 program.

22 26 c. Moneys appropriated by the general assembly and any
22 27 other moneys, including grants and gifts from government and
22 28 nonprofit organizations, available to and obtained or accepted
22 29 by the department office for placement in the fund.

22 30 d. Moneys contained in the intermodal revolving loan fund
22 31 administered by the department of transportation for the
22 32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and succeeding fiscal
22 33 years.

22 34 e. Moneys in the fund are not subject to section 8.33.
22 35 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys
23 1 in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

23 2 3. The building energy bank management fund shall be
23 3 limited to a maximum of one million dollars. Amounts in
23 4 excess of this maximum limitation shall be transferred to and
23 5 deposited in the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund created in
23 6 section 8.57, subsection 6.

23 7 Sec. 33. Section 473.20, Code 2009, is amended to read as
23 8 follows:

23 9 473.20 ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM.

23 10 1. An energy loan program is established and shall be
23 11 administered by the ~~department office~~.

23 12 2. The ~~department office~~ may facilitate the loan process
23 13 for political subdivisions of the state, school districts,
23 14 area education agencies, community colleges, and nonprofit
23 15 organizations for implementation of energy management
23 16 improvements identified in an energy analysis. Loans shall be
23 17 facilitated for all cost-effective energy management
23 18 improvements. For political subdivisions of the state, school
23 19 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, and
23 20 nonprofit organizations to receive loan assistance under the
23 21 program, the ~~department office~~ shall require completion of an
23 22 energy management plan including an energy analysis. The
23 23 ~~department office~~ shall approve loans facilitated under this
23 24 section.

23 25 3. a. Cities and counties shall repay the loans from
23 26 moneys in their debt service funds. Area education agencies
23 27 shall repay the loans from any moneys available to them.

23 28 b. School districts and community colleges may enter into
23 29 financing arrangements with the ~~department office~~ or its duly
23 30 authorized agents or representatives obligating the school
23 31 district or community college to make payments on the loans
23 32 beyond the current budget year of the school district or
23 33 community college. Chapter 75 shall not be applicable.
23 34 School districts shall repay the loans from moneys in either
23 35 their general fund or debt service fund. Community colleges
24 1 shall repay the loans from their general fund. Other entities
24 2 receiving loans under this section shall repay the loans from
24 3 any moneys available to them.

24 4 4. For the purpose of this section, "loans" means loans,
24 5 leases, or alternative financing arrangements.

24 6 5. Political subdivisions of the state, school districts,
24 7 area education agencies, and community colleges shall design
24 8 and construct the most energy cost-effective facilities
24 9 feasible and may use financing facilitated by the ~~department~~
24 10 ~~office~~ to cover the incremental costs above minimum building
24 11 code energy efficiency standards of purchasing
24 12 energy-efficient devices and materials unless other lower cost
24 13 financing is available. As used in this section, "facility"
24 14 means a structure that is heated or cooled by a mechanical or
24 15 electrical system, or any system of physical operation that
24 16 consumes energy to carry out a process.

24 17 6. The ~~department office~~ shall not require the state,
24 18 state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, school
24 19 districts, area education agencies, and community colleges to
24 20 implement a specific energy management improvement identified
24 21 in an energy analysis if the entity which prepared the
24 22 analysis demonstrates to the ~~department office~~ that the
24 23 facility which is the subject of the energy management
24 24 improvement is unlikely to be used or operated for the full
24 25 period of the expected savings payback of all costs associated
24 26 with implementing the energy management improvement, including
24 27 without limitation, any fees or charges of the ~~department~~
24 28 ~~office~~, engineering firms, financial advisors, attorneys, and
24 29 other third parties, and all financing costs including
24 30 interest, if financed.

24 31 Sec. 34. Section 473.20A, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
24 32 amended to read as follows:

24 33 1. a. The ~~department of natural resources office~~ may
24 34 facilitate financing agreements that may be entered into with
24 35 political subdivisions of the state, school districts, area
25 1 education agencies, community colleges, or nonprofit
25 2 organizations to finance the costs of energy management
25 3 improvements on a self-liquidating basis. The provisions of
25 4 section 473.20 defining eligible energy management
25 5 improvements apply to financings under this section.

25 6 b. The financing agreement may contain provisions,
25 7 including interest, term, and obligations to make payments on
25 8 the financing agreement beyond the current budget year, as may
25 9 be acceptable to political subdivisions of the state, school
25 10 districts, area education agencies, community colleges, or
25 11 nonprofit organizations.

25 12 c. The ~~department office~~ shall assist the treasurer of
25 13 state with financing agreements entered into by the treasurer
25 14 of state on behalf of state agencies pursuant to section 12.28
25 15 to finance energy management improvements being implemented by
25 16 state agencies.

25 17 Sec. 35. Section 473.41, Code 2009, is amended to read as
25 18 follows:

25 19 473.41 ENERGY CITY DESIGNATION PROGRAM.

25 20 1. The ~~department office~~ shall establish an energy city
25 21 designation program, with the objective of encouraging cities
25 22 to develop and implement innovative energy efficiency
25 23 programs. To qualify for designation as an energy city, a
25 24 city shall submit an application on forms prescribed by the
25 25 ~~department office~~ by rule, indicating the following:
25 26 a. Submission of community-based plans for energy
25 27 reduction projects, energy-efficient building construction and
25 28 rehabilitation, and alternative or renewable energy
25 29 production.
25 30 b. Efforts to secure local funding for community-based
25 31 plans, and documentation of any state or federal grant or loan
25 32 funding being pursued in connection therewith.
25 33 c. Involvement of local schools, civic organizations,
25 34 chambers of commerce, and private groups in a community-based
25 35 plan.
26 1 d. Existing or proposed ordinances encouraging energy
26 2 efficiency and conservation, recycling efforts, and
26 3 energy-efficient building code provisions and enforcement.
26 4 e. Organization of an energy day observance and
26 5 proclamation with a commemorating event and awards ceremony
26 6 for leading energy-efficient community businesses, groups,
26 7 schools, or individuals.
26 8 2. The ~~department office~~ shall establish by rule criteria
26 9 for awarding energy city designations. If more than one
26 10 designation is awarded annually, the criteria shall include a
26 11 requirement that the ~~department office~~ award the designations
26 12 to cities of varying populations. Rules shall also be
26 13 established identifying and publicizing state grant and loan
26 14 programs relating to energy efficiency, and the development of
26 15 a procedure whereby the ~~department office~~ shall coordinate
26 16 with other state agencies preferences given in the awarding of
26 17 grants or making of loans to energy city designated
26 18 applicants.
26 19 Sec. 36. Section 476.6, subsection 16, paragraph b, Code
26 20 2009, is amended to read as follows:
26 21 b. A gas and electric utility required to be
26 22 rate-regulated under this chapter shall assess potential
26 23 energy and capacity savings available from actual and
26 24 projected customer usage by applying commercially available
26 25 technology and improved operating practices to energy-using
26 26 equipment and buildings. The utility shall submit the
26 27 assessment to the board. Upon receipt of the assessment, the
26 28 board shall consult with the ~~department of natural resources~~
26 29 ~~office of energy independence~~ to develop specific capacity and
26 30 energy savings performance standards for each utility. The
26 31 utility shall submit an energy efficiency plan which shall
26 32 include economically achievable programs designed to attain
26 33 these energy and capacity performance standards. The board
26 34 shall periodically report the energy efficiency results
26 35 including energy savings of each utility to the general
27 1 assembly.
27 2 Sec. 37. Section 476.63, Code 2009, is amended to read as
27 3 follows:
27 4 476.63 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.
27 5 The division shall consult with the ~~department of natural~~
27 6 ~~resources office of energy independence~~ in the development and
27 7 implementation of public utility energy efficiency programs.
27 8 Sec. 38. Section 564A.9, Code 2009, is amended to read as
27 9 follows:
27 10 564A.9 ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES AND THE
27 11 PUBLIC.
27 12 The ~~department of natural resources office of energy~~
27 13 ~~independence~~ shall make available information and guidelines
27 14 to assist local government bodies and the public to understand
27 15 and use the provisions of this chapter. The information and
27 16 guidelines shall include an application form for a solar
27 17 access easement, instructions and aids for preparing and
27 18 recording solar access easements and model ordinances that
27 19 promote reasonable access to solar energy.
27 20 Sec. 39. Section 473.13A, Code 2009, is repealed.
27 21 Sec. 40. TRANSITION PROVISIONS == RULEMAKING.
27 22 1. Any moneys retained in any account or fund under the
27 23 control of the department of natural resources relative to the
27 24 provisions of this Act shall be transferred to a comparable
27 25 fund or account under the control of the office of energy
27 26 independence for such purposes.
27 27 2. Any license, permit, or contract issued or entered into
27 28 by the department of natural resources relative to the
27 29 provisions of this Act in effect on the effective date of this
27 30 Act shall continue in full force and effect pending transfer

27 31 of such licenses, permits, or contracts to the office of
27 32 energy independence.
27 33 3. Not later than August 1, 2009, the office of energy
27 34 independence shall adopt administrative rules previously
27 35 adopted by the department of natural resources relative to the
28 1 provisions of this Act in existence on the effective date of
28 2 this Act by emergency rulemaking pursuant to section 17A.4,
28 3 subsection 3, and section 17A.5, paragraph "b".
28 4 The rules shall become effective immediately upon filing or on
28 5 a later effective date specified in the rules. Any rules
28 6 adopted in accordance with the provisions of this section
28 7 shall also be published as a notice of intended action as
28 8 provided in section 17A.4. Any rule, regulation, form, order,
28 9 or directive promulgated by the department relative to the
28 10 provisions of this Act in effect on the effective date of this
28 11 Act shall continue in full force and effect until such
28 12 emergency rules are adopted.

28 13 4. The provisions of section 469.10, subsection 2,
28 14 relating to utilization by the director of the office of
28 15 energy independence of any funds received from any source
28 16 other than the state general fund to employ personnel
28 17 necessary to administer any program assigned to the office or
28 18 to another state agency, shall be applicable to the transfer
28 19 from the department of natural resources to the office of
28 20 energy independence of individuals currently employed by the
28 21 department in capacities relating to the programs or
28 22 provisions transferred from the department to the office
28 23 pursuant to this Act.

28 24 EXPLANATION

28 25 This bill transfers authority over specified energy-related
28 26 measures and programs from the department of natural resources
28 27 to the office of energy independence. References to the
28 28 "department" are changed to the "office" throughout Code
28 29 chapter 470 relating to life cycle cost analyses of public
28 30 facilities, and Code chapter 473, which contains provisions
28 31 relating to the development of policies and programs that
28 32 promote energy efficiency, alternative and renewable energy,
28 33 and energy management improvement financing. Similar
28 34 reference changes are made with regard to approving
28 35 engineering firms for performance of comprehensive engineering
29 1 analyses done on a building in which a state agency seeks to
29 2 improve energy efficiency pursuant to Code section 7D.34,
29 3 developing standards and methods to evaluate design
29 4 development and construction documents based on life cycle
29 5 cost factors in relation to design proposals submitted
29 6 pursuant to Code section 72.5, and coordinating with other
29 7 state agencies regarding implementation of the office of
29 8 renewable fuels and coproducts pursuant to Code section
29 9 159A.3, serving on the renewable fuels and coproducts advisory
29 10 committee, and assisting in providing technical assistance to
29 11 new or existing renewable fuel production facilities.
29 12 Additional transfers of authority include awarding
29 13 demonstration grants for alternative fuels research pursuant
29 14 to Code section 214A.19, appointing a representative to serve
29 15 on the Iowa energy center advisory council established in Code
29 16 section 266.39C, making available energy efficiency-related
29 17 continuing education courses pursuant to Code section 272C.2,
29 18 receiving results relating to energy audits from school
29 19 districts and perform related functions pursuant to Code
29 20 section 279.44, determining whether special hardship criteria
29 21 has been demonstrated regarding franchise alternative fuel
29 22 purchases pursuant to Code section 323A.2, and providing
29 23 assistance to local government bodies and the public regarding
29 24 access to solar energy pursuant to Code section 564A.9.
29 25 Conforming changes are made in Code chapter 469 regarding the
29 26 transfer of authority.

29 27 Additionally, the bill provides that, notwithstanding any
29 28 other limitation, the director may use funds received from any
29 29 source other than the state general fund to employ personnel
29 30 necessary to administer any program assigned to the office or
29 31 to another state agency, including employing employees
29 32 transferred from the department in positions relating to the
29 33 authority transferred under the bill.

29 34 The bill repeals Code section 473.13A, which contained
29 35 outdated terminology and outdated provisions regarding
30 1 financing for energy measures provided directly by the
30 2 department. The bill also changes the names of the energy
30 3 bank program and the energy bank fund to building energy
30 4 management program and building energy management fund,
30 5 respectively.

30 6 The bill contains transition provisions regarding the

30 7 transfer of moneys retained in an account or fund under the
30 8 control of the department to a comparable fund or account of
30 9 the office, regarding the continuation of any license, permit,
30 10 or contract issued or entered into by the department of
30 11 natural resources pending transfer and assignment to the
30 12 office; and regarding the continuation of any rule,
30 13 regulation, form, order, or directive promulgated by the
30 14 department relative to the provisions of the bill until
30 15 emergency rules are promulgated by the department.
30 16 LSB 1302DP 83
30 17 rn/nh/14.2