

House File 2372 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 2372
BY GOSA

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mechanical insulation inspections for public
2 buildings.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **8A.331 Mechanical insulation**
2 **inspections.**

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "Assessment" means a mechanical insulation energy and
5 safety assessment that analyzes potential energy savings and
6 public health risks associated with a building's mechanical
7 insulation.

8 b. "Mechanical insulation" means insulation materials,
9 facings, and accessory products of mechanical systems, including
10 but not limited to piping, equipment, vessels, and boilers, and
11 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

12 c. "Public building" means a structure that is owned in whole
13 or in part by the state.

14 d. "Qualified mechanical insulation contractor" means a
15 mechanical insulation contractor who is an active participant
16 in an apprenticeship program approved by the United States
17 department of labor.

18 2. The department shall contract with a qualified mechanical
19 insulation contractor to perform an assessment of each public
20 building within ten years of the effective date of this Act.
21 The assessment must indicate any remediation effort necessary to
22 minimize energy loss and ensure public health and safety. The
23 department shall post the findings of each assessment on the
24 department's internet site within thirty days of the assessment.

25 3. If an assessment identifies a mechanical insulation
26 remediation measure that would reduce carbon emissions for the
27 public building by more than thirty percent and result in a
28 cumulative energy savings of more than thirty percent, then the
29 department shall contract for such remediation measure within
30 twelve months of the assessment. If a public health or safety
31 concern is identified in the assessment, the department shall
32 contract for immediate remediation.

33 4. This section is repealed July 1, 2037.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill requires the department of administrative services
3 (department) to contract with a mechanical insulation contractor
4 for a mechanical insulation energy and safety assessment of
5 each public building within the next 10 years. The department
6 must post the findings of each assessment on the department's
7 internet site within 30 days of the assessment. If an assessment
8 identifies mechanical insulation remediation measures that would
9 reduce the carbon emissions for the building by more than 30
10 percent and result in energy savings of more than 30 percent,
11 then the department must contract for such remediation measures
12 within 12 months of the assessment. If a public health or
13 safety concern is identified in an assessment, the department
14 must contract for immediate remediation.

unofficial