

House File 2573 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to grants for qualified mechanical insulation
- 2 expenditures.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **15.232 Mechanical insulation energy**
2 **savings program.**

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Applicant*" means a school district, public hospital,
6 public housing building, or political subdivision with a building
7 of at least twenty thousand square feet that may require
8 mechanical insulation upgrades.

9 b. "*Mechanical insulation*" means insulation materials,
10 facings, and accessory products used for thermal requirements
11 for mechanical piping and equipment, hot and cold applications,
12 heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning applications.

13 c. "*Qualified audit*" means a mechanical insulation audit of
14 a building provided by a qualified contractor at no cost to the
15 authority or an applicant, which identifies missing, damaged, or
16 improperly installed mechanical insulation. A "*qualified audit*"
17 includes an estimate of installation costs and estimated energy
18 and cost savings.

19 d. "*Qualified contractor*" means an insulation contractor who
20 has entered into an apprenticeship agreement as defined in
21 section 84D.2, that is appropriate for the type and scope of
22 work to be performed, including the ability to meet the American
23 society of heating, refrigerating, and air-conditioning engineers
24 energy standard for buildings except low-rise residential
25 buildings.

26 e. "*Qualified mechanical insulation expenditures*" means
27 the purchase of insulation materials, facings, and accessory
28 products used for thermal requirements for mechanical piping and
29 equipment, hot and cold applications, and heating, ventilation,
30 and air-conditioning applications. "*Qualified mechanical*
31 *insulation expenditures*" includes all associated labor costs
32 properly allocable to on-site preparation, assembly, and original
33 installation performed by a qualified contractor.

34 2. Contingent on a specific appropriation for this purpose,
35 the authority shall establish and administer a mechanical

1 insulation energy savings program for the purpose of providing
2 grants to applicants for qualified mechanical insulation
3 expenditures.

4 3. a. The authority shall a establish process by rule for
5 an applicant to request a qualified audit. If a request for a
6 qualified audit is approved by the authority, the applicant shall
7 receive a qualified audit at no cost.

8 b. After an applicant's qualified audit is completed, the
9 authority shall award a grant to the applicant in an amount
10 equal to, and for the purpose of paying, the entire cost of the
11 applicant's qualified mechanical insulation expenditures.

12 4. The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
13 administer this section.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to grants for qualified mechanical
18 insulation expenditures.

19 Contingent on a specific appropriation for this purpose, the
20 bill requires the economic development authority (authority) to
21 establish and administer a mechanical insulation energy savings
22 program for the purpose of providing grants to applicants for
23 qualified mechanical insulation expenditures. Under the bill,
24 the authority shall establish an audit process for an applicant
25 to request a qualified audit, and if the request is approved,
26 the applicant shall receive a qualified audit at no cost. After
27 an applicant's qualified audit is completed, the authority shall
28 award a grant to the applicant in an amount equal to, and for the
29 purpose of paying, the entire cost of the applicant's qualified
30 mechanical insulation expenditures. "Applicant", "mechanical
31 insulation", "qualified audit", "qualified contractor", and
32 "qualified mechanical insulation expenditures" are defined in the
33 bill.

34 The authority shall adopt rules to administer the bill.