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S.F. No. 4202 – Residential energy code adoption standards and timelines; residential energy rating rebate program (A-2)

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S.F. 4202 modifies residential energy code adoption standards and timelines to require adoption of standards that will result in an 80 percent reduction in annual net energy consumption by 2036, creates the residential energy rating rebate program, and provides an appropriation for the rebate program.

Section 1 requires the commissioner of labor and industry, beginning in 2026, to act on the new model residential energy code by adopting each new published edition of the International Energy Conservation Code or a more efficient standard. Requires each update between 2026 and 2036 to achieve a minimum of ten percent of the difference in annual net energy consumption between the 80 percent target by 2036 and the code effective on December 31, 2024. Requires the commissioner to report annually to the legislature on progress toward achieving the reduction in annual net energy consumption.

Section 2 establishes a residential energy rating rebate program administered by the commissioner of commerce to provide financial assistance to owners, builders, and developers of qualifying units with the costs of certification under the Department of Energy's Zero Energy Ready Home Program. Provides maximum award amounts per qualifying unit. Requires the commissioner to provide outreach on the availability of rebates and to report to the legislature about the number of rebates awarded. Provides an expiration date for the program of June 30, 2029.

Section 3 makes an appropriation to the commissioner of commerce for the residential energy rating rebate program.