

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2442

03/17/2025 Authored by Acomb

04/21/2025 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy

05/05/2025 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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Calendar for the Day

Read for the Third Time

Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; appropriating money for energy and renewable development

1.3 account programs and activities.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 ARTICLE 1

1.6 CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE

1.7 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.8 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.9 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,

1.10 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.11 The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under

1.12 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively.

1.13 "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium"

1.14 is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once

1.15 in the 2025 regular or a special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect

1.16 only once.

1.17	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
1.18	<b>Available for the Year</b>			
1.19	<b>Ending June 30</b>			
1.20		<b><u>2026</u></b>		<b><u>2027</u></b>

1.21 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1.22	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<b><u>15,343,000</u></b>	\$	<b><u>15,343,000</u></b>
1.23	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>				
1.24		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>		

2.1	<u>General</u>	<u>14,246,000</u>	<u>14,246,000</u>
2.2	<u>Petroleum Tank</u>	<u>1,097,000</u>	<u>1,097,000</u>

2.3 The amounts that may be spent for each  
2.4 purpose are specified in the following  
2.5 subdivisions.

2.6	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Energy Resources</b></u>	<u>14,246,000</u>	<u>14,246,000</u>
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2.7 (a) \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the  
2.8 second year are to remediate vermiculite  
2.9 insulation from households that are eligible  
2.10 for weatherization assistance under  
2.11 Minnesota's weatherization assistance program  
2.12 state plan under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.13 216C.264. Remediation must be performed in  
2.14 conjunction with federal weatherization  
2.15 assistance program services.

2.16 (b) \$189,000 each year is for activities  
2.17 associated with a utility's implementation of  
2.18 a natural gas innovation plan under Minnesota  
2.19 Statutes, section 216B.2427.

2.20 (c) \$3,199,000 each year is for weatherization  
2.21 and preweatherization work to serve additional  
2.22 households and allow for services that would  
2.23 otherwise be denied due to current federal  
2.24 limitations related to the federal weatherization  
2.25 assistance program. Money under this  
2.26 paragraph is transferred from the general fund  
2.27 to the preweatherization account in the special  
2.28 revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.29 section 216C.264, subdivision 1c.

2.30 (d) \$500,000 each year is for a grant to the  
2.31 clean energy resource teams under Minnesota  
2.32 Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 2, to  
2.33 provide additional capacity to perform the  
2.34 duties specified under Minnesota Statutes,

3.1 section 216C.385, subdivision 3. This  
3.2 appropriation may be used to reimburse the  
3.3 reasonable costs incurred by the department  
3.4 to administer the grant.

3.5 (e) \$301,000 each year is to implement energy  
3.6 benchmarking under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.7 section 216C.331.

3.8 (f) \$164,000 each year is for activities  
3.9 associated with a public utility's filing a  
3.10 transportation electrification plan under  
3.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1615.

3.12 (g) \$77,000 each year is for activities  
3.13 associated with appeals of consumer  
3.14 complaints to the commission under  
3.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.172.

3.16 (h) \$961,000 each year is for activities  
3.17 required under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.18 216B.1641, for community solar gardens. This  
3.19 appropriation must be assessed directly to the  
3.20 public utility subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
3.21 section 116C.779.

3.22 (i) \$46,000 each year is for work to align  
3.23 energy transmission and distribution planning  
3.24 activities with opportunities along trunk  
3.25 highway rights-of-way.

3.26 (j) \$265,000 each year is to (1) participate in  
3.27 a Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
3.28 proceeding to review electric transmission line  
3.29 owners' plans to deploy grid-enhancing  
3.30 technologies, and (2) issue an order to  
3.31 implement the plans. The base in fiscal year  
3.32 2028 is \$0.

3.33 The general fund base is \$13,981,000 in fiscal  
3.34 year 2028 and \$13,981,000 in fiscal year 2029.

Subd. 3. Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board

1,097,0001,097,000

This appropriation is from the petroleum tank fund.

Sec. 3. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

\$11,551,000\$11,396,000

ARTICLE 2

RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS

Section 1. RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE.

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j), the appropriations are from the renewable development account in the special revenue fund established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figures "2026" and "2027" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, or June 30, 2027, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2026. "The second year" is fiscal year 2027. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2026 and 2027. If an appropriation in this article is enacted more than once in the 2025 regular or special legislative session, the appropriation must be given effect only once.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$500,000\$100,000

The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. "Made in Minnesota" Administration

\$100,000 each year is to administer the "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive program under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.417. Any unobligated amount

5.1 remaining on June 30, 2027, cancels to the  
 5.2 renewable development account.

5.3 Subd. 3. **Microgrid Research and Application**

5.4 \$400,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
 5.5 University of St. Thomas Center for Microgrid  
 5.6 Research, which must be used to:

5.7 (1) increase the center's capacity to provide  
 5.8 industry partners with opportunities to test  
 5.9 near-commercial microgrid products on a  
 5.10 real-world scale and to multiply opportunities  
 5.11 for innovative research;

5.12 (2) procure advanced equipment and controls  
 5.13 to enable the extension of the university's  
 5.14 microgrid to additional buildings; and

5.15 (3) expand (i) hands-on educational  
 5.16 opportunities for undergraduate and graduate  
 5.17 electrical engineering students to increase  
 5.18 understanding of microgrid operations, and  
 5.19 (ii) partnerships with community colleges.

5.20 Sec. 3. **DEPARTMENT OF**  
 5.21 **ADMINISTRATION**

\$

**92,000** \$

**92,000**

5.22 \$92,000 each year is for software and  
 5.23 administrative costs associated with the state  
 5.24 building energy conservation improvement  
 5.25 revolving loan program under Minnesota  
 5.26 Statutes, section 16B.87.

APPENDIX  
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