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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2969

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy and Climate Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; appropriating funds from the renewable development fund to
1.3 supplement the low-income home energy assistance program.

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

1.5 Section 1. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
1.6 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),
1.8 \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the renewable development fund
1.9 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, to the commissioner of commerce to
1.10 provide additional heating assistance pursuant to the low-income home energy assistance
1.11 program under United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630, and Minnesota Statutes,
1.12 section 216C.02, subdivision 1. No more than five percent of this appropriation may be
1.13 used for administrative expenses. Any unspent balance available on September 30, 2020,
1.14 cancels to the general fund.

1.15 (b) The funding provided in this section supplements and does not replace any federal
1.16 or other funding existing or otherwise available for heating assistance in Minnesota.

1.17 (c) The commissioner must disburse the funds provided in this section in a manner
1.18 consistent with the requirements of the low-income home energy assistance program under
1.19 United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.