

Senate Bill 201

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes energy efficiency program within Housing and Community Services Department. Specifies purposes of program funding.

Appropriates moneys to department for 2009-2011 biennium for purposes of carrying out program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to energy efficiency in low income housing; and appropriating money.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall establish a program to provide funding for energy efficiency improvements in the housing of people of low income and very low income, both as defined in ORS 458.610.

(2) The program shall provide funds only when the funds from the program are matched with an equal amount of in-kind contributions related to energy efficiency improvements, including but not limited to weatherization services, with an equal amount of funds from public or private grants, loans, bonds or cash, or with tax incentives.

SECTION 2. In carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2009 Act, the Housing and Community Services Department shall ensure that the program promotes one or more of the following:

(1) Efforts to advance energy efficiency that are initiated prior to the construction of housing for people of low income and very low income, including but not limited to building assessments and integrated design processes;

(2) Construction that encourages energy efficiency, on-site energy generation or the use of materials and design that promote environmental protection;

(3) Energy efficiency programs that focus on weatherization for the housing of people of low income and very low income;

(4) Energy audits for the housing of people of low income and very low income; and

(5) Energy efficiency educational programs for consumers.

SECTION 3. The Housing and Community Services Department may adopt rules as necessary to implement sections 1 and 2 of this 2009 Act.

SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$4 million, which may be expended for purposes of carrying out sections 1 to 3 of this 2009 Act.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.