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| 2 | 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025) | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 5 | FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2115 By: Osburn | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 | PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | An Act relating to state government; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2902, which relates to the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2903, which relates the Energy Conservation Assistance Loan Fund; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section | | | | | | | | | |
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| 11 | 5030, which relates to the Weatherization Revolving Fund; modifying references to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; providing an effective date; and | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | declaring an emergency. | | | | | | | | | |
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| 15 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2902, is | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | amended to read as follows: | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Section 2902. A. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce <u>Human</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Services shall be responsible for the disbursement and | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | implementation of the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund. | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | B. The Department shall involve senior citizen groups, social | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | service agencies and other civic groups in publicizing such program. | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | C. The Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Oklahoma Department of Commerce, shall determine eligibility | | | | | | | | | |

- 1 requirements necessary to qualify a homeowner to obtain such grants. Upon meeting any such eligibility standards, the Department of Human Services shall certify to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce that 3 4 such homeowner is qualified to receive such grant upon notification 5 of such certification. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services shall distribute the grant funds. Priorities shall be 6 7 established for applications according to those indicating the greatest need. Low-income elderly and handicapped applicants shall 8 be given first priority.
 - D. In order to qualify for grant assistance, the property shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - 1. The property shall be the homestead of the applicant; and
 - 2. The property for which the grant is issued shall not be income-producing or used in any method other than as the principal residence of the applicant.
 - E. Grants may be issued to finance the following types of weatherization:
 - 1. Structural repairs necessary to improve efficient heating and cooling of the residence;
 - 2. Insulation for attics, walls and water heaters;
- 3. Replacement of broken glass, inefficient doors and door thresholds;
- 23 4. Storm windows;

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5. Caulking and weather stripping; and

6. Other appropriate energy conservation measures as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services.

No grants shall be made through this program unless an energy audit has been performed on the applicant's principal residence.

No grant shall exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). No grant shall be awarded to any applicant with an annual income in excess of the amount specified in this subsection.

Income eligibility shall be determined based on one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the poverty guidelines issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

- F. The application for the grant shall be in such form as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services.

 No grant shall be issued to any person until such person has been certified as eligible by the Department of Human Services. The applicant shall be provided with copies of all documents related to the issuance of the grant. The applicant shall provide documents, as required, concerning the status of property and household income.
- G. 1. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services
 contractors shall be nonprofit community action agencies or other
 nonprofit entities experienced with weatherization programs. The
 Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services shall monitor
 contractors for compliance with all Department policies, guidelines
 and regulations.

2. Contractors shall be responsible for completion and inspection of all work undertaken. No payment shall be made to any contractor until after the required documentation is submitted and approved by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services.

Payments to contractors shall be made for services rendered and shall be based on the costs previously agreed to in writing.

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- H. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services shall actively monitor and audit the financial and operating records of the contractors involved with the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund to assure appropriate compliance with established regulations, guidelines and standards. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services shall also monitor contractors to ensure use of proper materials and workmanship.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2903, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2903. A. The State of Oklahoma through the Department shall have a lien against the property on which the work is being performed for the amount of the loan plus interest thereon. The Department shall record a notice of lien with the county clerk where the property is located. A delinquent installment of the loan may be foreclosed by the Department and the property concerned shall be sold in the manner provided for foreclosures of mortgages on land. Any real estate sold under any order, judgment or decree of court to satisfy the lien may be redeemed by the owner or his assignee at any

- time within one (1) year of the date of the sale by paying to the
 purchaser thereof or his assignee the amount paid with interest from
 the date of purchase at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year.
 - B. Repayment of each loan shall be determined according to a repayment schedule determined by the Department.

- C. Repayment of the loan may be deferred until that time when the loan recipient sells the property or ownership is transferred. In such cases where a loan has not been repaid after ten (10) years, another ten-year extension shall be granted if the loan recipient or the surviving spouse is still the owner-occupier of the residence. Such extensions shall be granted until such time when the property is transferred from the loan recipient or the surviving spouse to another party.
- D. Loan repayments shall be made to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services and shall be deposited in the Energy Conservation Loan Fund.
- SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5030, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 5030. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
 a revolving fund to be designated as the "Weatherization Revolving
 Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred
 to the fund. Said revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not
 subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the
 administration of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services

and may be disbursed without legislative appropriation. Warrants for expenditures from said revolving fund shall be drawn by the State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an authorized employee or employees of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce Human Services and approved for payment by the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. It is hereby declared that energy conservation is in the interest of the State of Oklahoma. The purpose of this fund is to provide monies to be used for the purpose of weatherizing households in Oklahoma thereby conserving the oil and natural gas resources of the state.

B. On July 1, 1986, any unallotted cash balance in the
Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section 1537.1 of this
title shall be transferred to the Weatherization Revolving Fund
created in this section. All outstanding financial obligations and
encumbrances of the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section
1537.1 of this title are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma
Department of Commerce. After November 15, 1986, any unexpended
balance in the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section
1537.1 of this title shall be transferred to the Weatherization
Revolving Fund created in this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
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    be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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