

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                           1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2115

By: Osburn of the House

and

**Thompson** of the Senate

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11                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12           An Act relating to state government; amending 63 O.S.  
13           2021, Section 2902, which relates to the Energy  
14           Conservation Assistance Fund; amending 63 O.S. 2021,  
15           Section 2903, which relates the Energy Conservation  
16           Assistance Loan Fund; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section  
17           5030, which relates to the Weatherization Revolving  
18           Fund; modifying references to the Oklahoma Department  
19           of Commerce; and providing an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           63 O.S. 2021, Section 2902, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2902. A. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human  
2 Services shall be responsible for the disbursement and  
3 implementation of the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund.

4 B. The Department shall involve senior citizen groups, social  
5 service agencies and other civic groups in publicizing such program.

6 C. The Department of Human Services, ~~in cooperation with the~~  
7 ~~Oklahoma Department of Commerce,~~ shall determine eligibility  
8 requirements necessary to qualify a homeowner to obtain such grants.  
9 Upon meeting any such eligibility standards, the Department of Human  
10 Services shall certify ~~to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce~~ that  
11 such homeowner is qualified to receive such grant upon notification  
12 of such certification. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human  
13 Services shall distribute the grant funds. Priorities shall be  
14 established for applications according to those indicating the  
15 greatest need. Low-income elderly and handicapped applicants shall  
16 be given first priority.

17 D. In order to qualify for grant assistance, the property shall  
18 meet all of the following requirements:

- 19 1. The property shall be the homestead of the applicant; and
- 20 2. The property for which the grant is issued shall not be  
21 income-producing or used in any method other than as the principal  
22 residence of the applicant.

23 E. Grants may be issued to finance the following types of  
24 weatherization:

- 1 1. Structural repairs necessary to improve efficient heating
- 2 and cooling of the residence;
- 3 2. Insulation for attics, walls and water heaters;
- 4 3. Replacement of broken glass, inefficient doors and door
- 5 thresholds;
- 6 4. Storm windows;
- 7 5. Caulking and weather stripping; and
- 8 6. Other appropriate energy conservation measures as determined
- 9 by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services.

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

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

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

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

20 No grant shall be issued to any person until such person has been  
21 certified as eligible by the Department of Human Services. The  
22 applicant shall be provided with copies of all documents related to  
23 the issuance of the grant. The applicant shall provide documents,  
24 as required, concerning the status of property and household income.

1 G. 1. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services  
2 contractors shall be nonprofit community action agencies or other  
3 nonprofit entities experienced with weatherization programs. The  
4 ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services shall monitor  
5 contractors for compliance with all Department policies, guidelines  
6 and regulations.

7 2. Contractors shall be responsible for completion and  
8 inspection of all work undertaken. No payment shall be made to any  
9 contractor until after the required documentation is submitted and  
10 approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services.  
11 Payments to contractors shall be made for services rendered and  
12 shall be based on the costs previously agreed to in writing.

13 H. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services shall  
14 actively monitor and audit the financial and operating records of  
15 the contractors involved with the Energy Conservation Assistance  
16 Fund to assure appropriate compliance with established regulations,  
17 guidelines and standards. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human  
18 Services shall also monitor contractors to ensure use of proper  
19 materials and workmanship.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2903, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 2903. A. The State of Oklahoma through the Department  
23 shall have a lien against the property on which the work is being  
24 performed for the amount of the loan plus interest thereon. The

1 Department shall record a notice of lien with the county clerk where  
2 the property is located. A delinquent installment of the loan may  
3 be foreclosed by the Department and the property concerned shall be  
4 sold in the manner provided for foreclosures of mortgages on land.  
5 Any real estate sold under any order, judgment or decree of court to  
6 satisfy the lien may be redeemed by the owner or his assignee at any  
7 time within one (1) year of the date of the sale by paying to the  
8 purchaser thereof or his assignee the amount paid with interest from  
9 the date of purchase at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year.

10 B. Repayment of each loan shall be determined according to a  
11 repayment schedule determined by the Department.

12 C. Repayment of the loan may be deferred until that time when  
13 the loan recipient sells the property or ownership is transferred.  
14 In such cases where a loan has not been repaid after ten (10) years,  
15 another ten-year extension shall be granted if the loan recipient or  
16 the surviving spouse is still the owner-occupier of the residence.  
17 Such extensions shall be granted until such time when the property  
18 is transferred from the loan recipient or the surviving spouse to  
19 another party.

20 D. Loan repayments shall be made to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of  
21 ~~Commerce~~ Human Services and shall be deposited in the Energy  
22 Conservation Loan Fund.

23 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5030, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5030. ~~A.~~ There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
2 a revolving fund to be designated as the "Weatherization Revolving  
3 Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred  
4 to the fund. Said revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not  
5 subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the  
6 administration of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services  
7 and may be disbursed without legislative appropriation. Warrants  
8 for expenditures from said revolving fund shall be drawn by the  
9 State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an authorized employee or  
10 employees of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services and  
11 approved for payment by the Director of the Office of Management and  
12 Enterprise Services. It is hereby declared that energy conservation  
13 is in the interest of the State of Oklahoma. The purpose of this  
14 fund is to provide monies to be used for the purpose of weatherizing  
15 households in Oklahoma thereby conserving the oil and natural gas  
16 resources of the state.

17 ~~B. On July 1, 1986, any unallotted cash balance in the~~  
18 ~~Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section 1537.1 of this~~  
19 ~~title shall be transferred to the Weatherization Revolving Fund~~  
20 ~~created in this section. All outstanding financial obligations and~~  
21 ~~encumbrances of the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section~~  
22 ~~1537.1 of this title are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma~~  
23 ~~Department of Commerce. After November 15, 1986, any unexpended~~  
24 ~~balance in the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section~~

1 ~~1537.1 of this title shall be transferred to the Weatherization~~  
2 ~~Revolving Fund created in this section.~~

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.  
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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS,  
6 As Amended and Coauthored.  
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