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	APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30	
	2026	**2027**

Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

		2026	2027
Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**		**$ 15,343,000**	**$ 15,343,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2026	2027
General	14,246,000	14,246,000
Petroleum Tank	1,097,000	1,097,000

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

	2026	2027
Subd. 2. **Energy Resources**	14,246,000	14,246,000

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	2026	**2027**

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		2026	2027
Subdivision 1. **Total Appropriation**		**$ 12,644,000**	**$ 12,644,000**

Appropriations by Fund

	2026	2027
General	11,047,000	11,047,000
Petroleum Tank	1,597,000	1,597,000

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Minnesota's weatherization assistance program state plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.264. Remediation must be performed in conjunction with federal weatherization assistance program services.	Minnesota's weatherization assistance program state plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.264. Remediation must be performed in conjunction with federal weatherization assistance program services.
(b) $189,000 each year is for activities associated with a utility's implementation of a natural gas innovation plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.2427.	(b) $189,000 each year is for activities associated with a utility's implementation of a natural gas innovation plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.2427.
(c) $3,199,000 each year is for weatherization and preweatherization work to serve additional households and allow for services that would otherwise be denied due to current federal limitations related to the federal weatherization assistance program. Money under this paragraph is transferred from the general fund to the preweatherization account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.264, subdivision 1c.	
(d) $500,000 each year is for a grant to the clean energy resource teams under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 2, to provide additional capacity to perform the duties specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 3. This appropriation may be used to reimburse the reasonable costs incurred by the department to administer the grant.	(c) $500,000 each year is for a grant to the clean energy resource teams under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 2, to provide additional capacity to perform the duties specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.385, subdivision 3. This appropriation may be used to reimburse reasonable costs incurred by the Department of Commerce to administer the grant.
(e) $301,000 each year is to implement energy benchmarking under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.331.	(d) $301,000 each year is to implement energy benchmarking under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.331.
(f) $164,000 each year is for activities associated with a public utility's filing a transportation electrification plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1615.	(e) $164,000 each year is for activities associated with a public utility's transportation electrification plan filing under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.1615.
(g) $77,000 each year is for activities associated with appeals of consumer complaints to the commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.172.	(f) $77,000 each year is for activities associated with appeals of consumer complaints to the commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.172.

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

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

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

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

Subd. 3. **Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board** 1,097,000 1,097,000

This appropriation is from the petroleum tank fund.

Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** $ **11,551,000** $ **11,396,000**

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(i) $265,000 each year is to (1) participate in a Public Utilities Commission proceeding to review electric transmission line owners' plans to deploy grid-enhancing technologies, and (2) issue an order to implement the plans. The base in fiscal year 2028 is $0.

The general fund base is $10,782,000 in fiscal year 2028 and $10,782,000 in fiscal year 2029.

Subd. 3. **Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board** 1,597,000 1,597,000

This appropriation is from the petroleum tank fund.

Sec. 3. **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION** $ **13,330,000** $ **13,417,000**

The general fund base is $13,183,000 in fiscal year 2028 and later.

Sec. 4. **TRANSFERS.**

$1,199,000 in fiscal year 2026 and $1,199,000 in fiscal year 2027 are transferred from the general fund to the preweatherization account in the special revenue fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.264, subdivision 1c. The commissioner of management and budget must include a transfer of $1,199,000 each year from the general fund to the preweatherization account in the special revenue fund in each forecast prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.103, from the effective date of this section through the February 2027 forecast.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION EXTENSION.**

The availability of the appropriation for the Tribal Advocacy Council on Energy in Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 10, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (i), is extended to June 30, 2026.

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