
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 372

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GREEN INITIATIVES IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to encourage DDS-licensed residential facility owners (i.e., community living arrangements or community companion homes) to adopt standards and practices when building new residential facilities that (1) promote energy efficiency and (2) include environmentally friendly construction materials and techniques.

The bill also permits any DDS-licensed residential facility to participate in energy use assessment programs under the state's Conservation and Load Management Plan. And it requires the facility's owner or operator, or his or her designee, to give DDS a copy of any energy assessment report it receives.

Lastly, the bill requires the DDS commissioner, by July 1, 2023, to report to the Public Health Committee on the (1) findings of the energy assessments done on these facilities and (2) their recommended energy efficiency improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/16/2022)