Energy Affordability in Minnesota

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ENERGY ACCESS AND EQUITY

- Reduce the energy burden.
- Cut the carbon, health, and financial cost of transportation.
- Partner with local governments to set and implement equitable climate action goals.
- Ensure equity and justice in all Fresh Energy policy work and internally.
OVERVIEW

- MN Energy Efficiency Landscape
  - Energy burden
- Challenges
  - Capacity constraints
  - Funding
- Opportunities
  - Legislation
  - Partnerships
ENERGY BURDEN IN MINNESOTA

CHALLENGES

- Resources for non-energy groups (e.g., renter advocacy groups)
- Capacity for program implementation
- Funding for deeper energy efficiency (e.g., weatherization, electrification)
OPPORTUNITIES

- Energy Conservation and Optimization (ECO) Act
  - Double spending on low-income energy efficiency
  - Pre-weatherization
  - Fuel-switching

Governor Tim Walz signs ECO Act signed into law, 2021
OPPORTUNITIES

- Minnesota Department of Commerce
  - WAP Working Group
  - Electrification planning
- Coalition building
  - Minnesota Multifamily Affordable Housing Energy Network
WHAT’S NEXT FOR THE TEAM?

Three things we’re excited about:

- Transportation electrification
- Workforce Development
- Innovative Financing
Thank you!

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