

Energy Efficiency Programs for Users of Propane Heat

The Senate provided final passage to legislation designed to encourage the Iowa Propane Education and Research Council (IPERC) to help users of propane for heating to become more energy efficient. The bill will now go to the Governor for his signature.

House File 684 authorizes IPERC to develop educational programs on how to use pro-

pane for heating more energy efficiently. IPERC may also develop programs to install energy-efficient appliances such as low-flow faucets and showers, programmable thermostats, and door or windows that meet "Energy Star Certification" standards of the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection.

IPERC may also establish quality standards for weatherization to promote energy efficiency in residences and other buildings including home energy audits, installation of insulation, weather stripping and caulking of windows and doors, and carbon monoxide and radon inspection and detection systems.