

# Support HB 3194

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## Amend the Urban Weatherization Initiative (UWI) to make it more effective and accountable.

### HB 3194 will improve and enhance the UWI program by:

- Requiring individuals placed on the UWI board to have relevant experience and expertise.
  - A minimum of **two** board members will be required to have residential weatherization or energy efficiency experience.
  - At least **one** board member will have a workforce development background to assist with the training component of UWI.
  - There are a total of five voting members on the UWI advisory board.
- Makes the best use of UWI dollars by partnering with federal weatherization programs when applicable.
- Allows the program to weatherize more homes annually by awarding larger grants to high performing grantees. Statutory caps on grantee awards are increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million.
- Raises the limit of resources to be use per home from \$6,500 to \$10,000 per home. This allows a more comprehensive job to be done retrofitting the home which benefits low income home owners.

The original concept behind the UWI program is a good one, but has struggled because of administrative hurdles. These reforms to the authorizing legislation combined with competent administration of the UWI program will greatly improve the ability of grantees to deliver better results.

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