

**75-37,128. Rules and regulations concerning energy audits for state-owned real property and leased real property.** (a) The secretary of administration shall adopt rules and regulations, within 18 months of the effective date of this act, for state agencies for the conduct of an energy audit at least every five years on all state-owned real property. On or before the first day of the 2010 regular session of the legislature and on or before the first day of each ensuing regular session of the legislature, the secretary of administration shall submit a written report to the joint committee on state building construction, the house committee on energy and utilities and the senate committee on utilities, or their successors, and an electronic copy to the legislature, identifying state-owned real property locations in which an excessive amount of energy is being used in accordance with rules and regulations adopted, within 18 months after the effective date of this act, by the secretary of administration concerning energy efficiency performance standards for state-owned real property.

(b) The secretary of administration shall not approve a new lease or a renewal or extension of an existing lease of non-state owned real property unless the lessor has submitted an energy audit for such real property that is the subject of such lease. Within 18 months after the effective date of this act, the secretary of administration shall adopt rules and regulations establishing energy efficiency performance standards which shall apply to leased space and improvements which the lessor shall be required to address based on such energy audit.

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