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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Herod; Covarrubias **Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely
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BILL TOPIC: PLUMBER QUALIFICATIONS SUPERVISION

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue General Fund	Potential minimal increase.	
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal revenue and workload increase.		

NOTE: This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary of Legislation

The introduced bill requires any plumbing inspection performed by the state, a local government, or a qualified state higher education institute to include a review of the licensed plumbers and apprentices working on the inspected job site to ensure that plumbers are licensed and that apprentices are supervised by licensed plumbers. State, local building departments, and higher education institutions are required to develop standard procedures for plumbing inspectors conducting these reviews and to post these procedures on the agency's website. An inspector may file a complaint with the State Plumbing Board for any violation uncovered during an inspection.

State Revenue

Beginning in FY 2017-18, to the extent that the bill generates additional complaints related to unlicensed plumbers or unsupervised apprentices and fines are assessed, state General Fund revenue will increase. Half of any fine assessed by the State Plumbing Board is credited to the General Fund and the other half to the appropriate local government. The fiscal note assumes that professionals comply with the law, so any revenue increase is expected to be minimal.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2017-18, workload for the State Plumbing Board under the Division of Professions and Occupations in the Department of Regulatory Agencies will increase in the following ways. The board will complete one-time work in FY 2017-18 to develop review procedures and post these to its website. On an ongoing basis, state plumbing inspectors will conduct the reviews required by the bill. The fiscal note assumes these reviews will be conducted during regular inspections. There are approximately 10 state plumbing inspectors who conduct approximately 12,000 inspections per year. Finally, to the extent that these reviews generate complaints with the board, workload will increase to assess penalties. The fiscal note assumes that these workload increases can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

Local government revenue from fines will potentially increase to the extent that the bill generates additional complaints. Similar to the state, this fine revenue is expected to be minimal. Some local government entities conduct their own plumbing inspections, while the state conducts the rest. In these local governments, workload will increase to develop standards for and perform the reviews required under the bill. Similar to the state, this workload increase is expected to be minimal as the fiscal note assumes that local government inspectors will perform reviews as part of their regular inspection-related workload.

Effective Date

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Business, Affairs and Labor Committee on April 25, 2017.

State and Local Government Contacts

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