

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING REQUIRED REGISTRATION FOR PERSONS WHO WORK ON FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS,
AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 2/19/10 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee 2/24/10 and by the House Committee of the Whole on Second Reading 3/26/10)

The Business Affairs and Labor Committee Report made the following changes:

- Amended the definitions for "Fire suppression system" and "Plumbing";
- Removed language requiring the advisory board to establish an examination for a sprinkler fitter; and
- Inserted language allowing a person enrolled in a sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program to perform work on a fire suppression system under the direct supervision of and in the immediate presence of a sprinkler fitter.

The House Committee of the Whole made the following changes:

- Provided additional powers to the Examining Board of Plumbers to establish requirements and standards related to residential fire sprinkler systems;
- Inserted definitions for "Cross-connection control device" and "Underground system";
- Amended the definitions for "Sprinkler fitter" and "Sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program";
- Struck out language requiring a sprinkler fitter, in addition to registering with the state fire suppression administrator, to also register with a municipality that has a registration or certification program that is equal to or more stringent than the requirements of the state fire suppression administrator.

The amendments adopted by the House Committee of the Whole may change the fiscal impact of the bill. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this JBC staff assessment. The updated fiscal analysis is discussed in the "Updated Analysis" section below.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs

Does Not Concur

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Updated Analysis

Reason for the Update

The amendments adopted by the House Committee of the Whole may change the fiscal impact of the bill. In particular, the definition for "Sprinkler fitter" was narrowed. Staff notes that this narrowing of the definition for "Sprinkler fitter" may reduce the total number of individuals regulated by this bill. The Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Public Safety has indicated that costs are not anticipated to go down significantly, as a result the fee a sprinkler fitter must pay may need to be adjusted upwards in order to cover the costs of the program.

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$15,000 from the Fire Suppression Cash Fund to the Office of Preparedness, Security, and Fire Safety within the Department of Public Safety in FY 2010-11.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

None.