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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR SCORC **ORIGINAL DATE** 03/03/09 **LAST UPDATED** 03/09/09 **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Propane Dealer Regulation **SB** 468/SCORCS
ANALYST Haug

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See Fiscal Implications below.

Relates to SB 493, HB 512

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

None on the SCORC substitute.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 468 would require the Public Regulation Commission to adopt rules to regulate propane sales that protect consumer's rights. The PRC is required to report by December 2009 to the appropriate interim legislative committee on the progress of the rulemaking.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In its most recent response to this bill, the PRC notes that the fiscal impact is none measureable to the agency.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the RLD in its response to a related bill, the LP Gas bureau has been working with the industry on a "consumer bill of rights". This process would result in a more effective way to resolve consumer issues because it would be based on a cooperative effort using industry, regulatory and consumer expertise.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 468 is related to Senate Bill 493 which contains a detailed list of requirements for adopted rules and a 90 day development time frame.

Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 468 is functionally equivalent to House Business and Industries Committee Substitute for House Bill 512.

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