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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/23/09

SPONSOR HBIC LAST UPDATED 3/9/09 HB 512/HBICS/aHJC

SHORT TITLE Propane Dealer Regulation SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SCORC substitute for SB 468
Relates to SB 493

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See Fiscal Implications below.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Regulatory Commission (PRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee amendment changes the regulatory effect from propane dealers and propane sales to regulation of propane service.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The House Business and Industries Committee substitute for House Bill 512 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

The PRC in its revised analysis for the duplicate SCORC substitute for SB 468 that the fiscal implications 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.

DUPLICATION, RELATIONSHIP

House Business and Industries Committee Substitute for House Bill 512 duplicates Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee substitute for Senate Bill 468.

House Business and Industries Committee Substitute for House Bill 512 are related to Senate Bill 493 which contains a detailed list of requirements for adopted rules and a 90 day development time frame.

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