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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/10/11

SPONSOR HLC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 652/HLCS

SHORT TITLE Emergency Gas Pilot Relighting Act SB _____

ANALYST Sanchez, C.

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate	Indeterminate		Recurring	Higher Ed. General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Labor and Human Resources Committee substitute for House Bill 652 creates a certification process for gas pilot relighting technicians.

The bill also delineates the state's hiring process and duties of a gas pilot relighting technician when a state of emergency is declared by the governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No significant fiscal impact is identified for RLD.

There may be a financial impact for the state and the higher learning institution tasked with creating and implementing the certification program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 652 creates a certification program for gas pilot lighting technicians. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, an individual will be certified as a gas pilot relighting technician and be issued a certificate attesting to the person's completion of the program. The certificate expires after five years. The regulation and licensing department is also tasked with adopting rules specifying the content of the training program, requirements for successful completion of the program and the process for certification of an individual as a gas pilot relighting technician.

Section 4 of the HB 652 allows state funds to be used to pay the cost of journeyman plumbers, journeyman gas fitters and gas pilot relighting technicians for services rendered during the declared period of the emergency or disaster to restore natural gas service to residences within the area covered by the declaration of emergency or disaster.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

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