

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1826/1	Introduction Number	SB-148	Estimate Type	Original
Description Applicability of the one-family and two-family dwelling code to certain structures used for camping and the exclusion of certain recreational vehicles and portable toilet systems from the definition of plumbing					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, any one-family or two-family dwelling for which initial construction began on or after December 1, 1978, must comply with the one-family and two-family dwelling code (dwelling code). A one-family or two-family dwelling unit is defined, in part, as a structure or part of a structure which is used or intended to be used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person or by two or more persons maintaining a common household. The Department of Safety and Professional Services promulgates rules for the dwelling code including standards for heating, ventilation, plumbing, electricity, and other systems. One-family and two-family dwellings for which initial construction began before December 1, 1978 are not covered by this code but are subject to the state electrical and plumbing codes.

This bill excludes cabins and other structures that are used for camping from dwelling code standards if the cabin or other camping structure meets the following requirements: 1) is located in a campground, camping resort, recreational camp, or educational camp for which a permit has been issued by the Department of Health Services (DHS); 2) is occupied in a manner consistent with certain rules promulgated by DHS; 3) is vacant at least 180 days each year; and 4) does not have a porch or deck that extends more than 12 feet out from an exterior wall.

This bill also excludes portable toilet systems and holding or transfer tanks used to collect wastewater from camping units and recreational vehicles from the definition of plumbing, which is used in the statutory provisions regulating the plumbing trade and for purposes of the state plumbing code.

DHS regulates campgrounds, camping resorts, recreational camps, and educational camps to protect the health and safety of the public. DHS charges a fee to these entities and issues an annual permit if certain requirements are met.

This bill is not expected to have a fiscal impact on DHS. The programs that regulate campgrounds, camping resorts, recreational camps, and educational camps are funded by fees set to cover program costs. The changes in this bill are not expected to increase or decrease Department workload or the amount of fee revenues the Department receives.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on local health departments.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications