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SENATE BILL 118 (REQUESTED BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS) HEARINGS 3/5/03, 3/12/03, AND 3/26/03

Revises provisions governing ability of State Fire Marshal to regulate construction, maintenance and safety of buildings and structures in certain counties. (BDR 42-850)

Senate Bill 118 includes amendments proposed by:

1. Ron Lynn (Nevada Organization of Building Officials), to change Section 1, subsection 11 (page 4, line 1), to revise the language concerning who is authorized to request the services of the State Fire Marshal, changing it from the chief of the fire department in the jurisdiction, to state that the request may be made by the chief executive officer of that jurisdiction. A copy of his mock up is included. *[Legislative Counsel Bureau Legal Division suggests replacing "chief executive officer" terminology with "governing body" of the jurisdiction.]*
2. At school district request, the bill be amended to carve out an exemption for school districts (as the bill currently does for state-owned or state-occupied buildings), from the changes made by the bill - i.e., school districts would continue to be authorized to "contract" with the State Fire Marshal to conduct the inspections they require.
3. At Chairman Rawson's suggestion, further amend the bill to specify that in counties exempted under the bill (those whose population meets or exceeds 100,000 or are consolidated municipalities), the local government shall adopt and enforce regulations that require a standard of safety that meets or exceeds the regulations of the State Fire Marshall.

Fiscal Note: The Fire Marshal was not able to estimate the potential impact of this measure.

**SENATE BILL 458 (REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)
HEARING 4/2/03**

Makes various changes to provisions governing State Fire Marshal and fire prevention. (BDR 42-515)

Senate Bill 458 includes amendments proposed by:

Jim Mullen, Henderson

1. Use same wording found in subsection 3 of Section 6, [page 6, lines 35-37] to have interlocal agreements delegating to local fire departments. Use same language in Sections 1(3), 3(5), 9(3), (4), and (5), 11(3)(b), 14(4), and 15(3).

Senator Raymond D. Rawson

2. Include in above references "to local fire departments or the governing body of the local jurisdiction."
3. Correction of technical error. In Section 13 (394.170) there is a new subsection 6 that makes reference to PUBLIC school - this should read "private," since it is in Chapter 394. (Subsection was copied from 392.450, but not changed to reflect private applicability.)

Senator Dennis Nolan

4. Specify that in any counties exempted in the bill, the local government shall adopt and enforce regulations that require a standard of safety that meets or exceeds the regulations of the State Fire Marshal.
5. For any county or jurisdiction exempt from State Fire Marshal's authority, a fee shall be charged at the same rate as is charged by the State Fire Marshal in nonexempt jurisdictions and transferred/deposited with the State Fire Marshal.