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Fiscal Note On: SB 211 SLS 23RS 272

Bill Text Version: ORIGINAL

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For .:

Date: April 17, 2023 5:30 PM Author: PEACOCK

Dept./Agy.: Municipalities and Parishes

Subject: Annual Inspection of Backflow Prevention Devices

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GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS

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Provides relative to the enforcement of certain provisions of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. (8/1/23)

Purpose of Bill: This bill prohibits the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council (Council) from enforcing any provision of the International Residential Code or regulation requiring an annual inspection of a backflow prevention device. However, it would allow municipalities or parishes to adopt an ordinance or other regulation mandating annual inspections of these devices.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	<u>2024-25</u>	<u> 2025-26</u>	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u> 2025-26</u>	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may decrease local governmental expenditures of parishes and municipalities depending on whether the bill's provisions remove existing inspection mandates.

An official from the Council indicated that the provisions of the bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Council as it does not currently enforce the provisions of the International Residential Code or regulations requiring an annual inspection of a backflow prevention device.

Information from the Council and the City of Bossier indicates that there are existing state and federal laws that mandate annual inspections of backflow devices. If the bill removes these existing federal and state mandates, then the parishes and municipalities that currently incur costs related to these inspections may choose to stop requiring them. This could lead to a potential decrease in local fund expenditures. For instance, the City of Bossier could reduce its expenditures by \$93,000 in the first year and \$43,000 annually thereafter, if it stops requiring inspections.

However, if the state and federal inspection mandates are not removed by this bill or local government entities choose to continue to require these inspections, then the provisions of the bill will not have a fiscal impact.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	House 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	M. G. Battle
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Michael G. Battle Manager, Advisory Services