

Dept./Agy.: Municipalities and Parishes

Subject: Annual Inspection of Backflow Prevention DevicesAnalyst: Gary Devall

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONSOR SEE FISC NOTE LF EXPage 1 of 1Provides relative to the enforcement of certain provisions of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. (8/1/23)1

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	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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					
Annual 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.

