

**STORAGE NAME:** h1709.frc  
**DATE:** March 22, 2001

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL**  
**ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1709  
**RELATING TO:** Boiler Safety  
**SPONSOR(S):** Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative Dockery

**TIED BILL(S):**

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COUNCIL YEAS 15 NAYS 3
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill repeals chapter 554, F. S., eliminating the state boiler inspection program.

The changes reflect budget reductions contained within the House Appropriations bill. Seven full time equivalent (FTE) positions are eliminated and spending authority of \$386,341 is reduced in the Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Trust Fund in the Department of Insurance.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- 1. Less Government                      Yes     No     N/A
- 2. Lower Taxes                              Yes     No     N/A
- 3. Individual Freedom                    Yes     No     N/A
- 4. Personal Responsibility              Yes     No     N/A
- 5. Family Empowerment                Yes     No     N/A

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Currently, chapter 554, F. S., requires the Department of Insurance (DOI) to administer the state boiler inspection program for the inspection and certification of boilers in public assembly locations. There are approximately 18,000 boilers in the department's database, of which over 66% are inspected by inspectors employed by authorized inspection agencies. Those remaining are inspected by Department of Insurance inspectors.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill repeals s. 554, F. S., which requires Department of Insurance to administer the boiler inspection program. It provides an effective date of July 1, 2001.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See the Effect of Proposed Changes section of the analysis.

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. <u>Revenues:</u>		<u>FY 01-02</u>
	Boiler Inspection Fees and Certification Charges	(290,000)
	Total Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory TF	(290,000)
2. <u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>FY 01-02</u>
	Salaries (7)	(340,822)
	Expenses	( 22,519)
	Other Personal Services	(23,000)

Total Insurance  
Commissioner's Regulatory TF (386,341)

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

The bill does not reduce the authority of counties or municipalities to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

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None

VII. SIGNATURES:

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