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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 349

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

SB 349 would eliminate statutory qualifications for the positions of Chief Boiler Inspector and deputy inspectors. The State Fire Marshal would be authorized to determine qualifications for the positions.

Background

The bill was requested by the State Fire Marshal, who assumed responsibility for administering the state's Boiler Inspection Program in 2013. The State Fire Marshal testified in support of the bill, indicating that training for these positions would be available at no cost through the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors and that the statutory qualifications have made filling vacant positions and hiring staff difficult. The State Fire Marshal indicated the bill would allow the Boiler Inspection Program to improve its performance and complete required annual inspections in a more timely manner once vacant positions are filled.

No one else testified on the bill.

The fiscal note indicated there would be no fiscal effect to agency operations since the boiler inspector training is available at no cost.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>