

Testimony Regarding HB 2005

House Water Committee

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I want to thank the committee for the opportunity to present neutral and informational testimony for HB 2005. HB 2005 will discontinue inspections and certification of hot water supply boilers with nominal water capacity under 120 gallons. Currently units 85 gallons or more are inspected and certified.

Our office has consulted with a number of the insurance companies that write policies and also do inspections for these types of units and they have no concerns in increasing the size of the units required for inspection. They feel that the change lines up with most other states requirements and current industry standards.

As presented in the fiscal note, there will be a reduction in inspection and permitting fees to the boiler fee fund which will also result in a small reduction to the state general fund. The change in the required inspection of units between the 85 gal and 120 gal capacity may also result in the reduction of one inspector position for the boiler division at our office.