Legislative Analysis



PROHIBIT GAS APPLIANCE BAN

House Bill 4575 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Michele Hoitenga Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4575 would amend the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act to prohibit a local unit of government, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, from adopting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits the use of an appliance that uses gas in a new or existing residential building or structure.

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BACKGROUND:

Recently, a trend has emerged among some local governments across the nation either to ban the installation of gas appliances in new construction or major remodels or to require wiring that would accommodate electric appliances. Reportedly, this is in an attempt to address climate concerns and reduce carbon footprints. Most common in California and Washington, the trend is spreading among other states as well. An opposite trend is also spreading in recent months. Approximately 22 states have either adopted or introduced bills that would prohibit local governments from making building code changes that would ban the use of gas appliances in new construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4575 would not have an appreciable fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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