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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill eliminates a requirement that certain plumbing inspectors obtain certification from both the Division of Industrial Compliance and the Board of Building Standards, both within the Department of Commerce. Under the bill, the Board of Building Standards alone would be responsible for certifying plumbing inspectors.
- By eliminating this double certification, the bill will minimally decrease revenue deposited into the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5460).

Detailed Analysis

The bill removes the current law requirement for certifying plumbing inspectors from the Department of Commerce's (COM) Division of Industrial Compliance, leaving the Board of Building Standards (BBS) alone responsible for certifying plumbing inspectors. Currently, the Division certifies plumbing inspectors who work for local health districts and BBS certifies local building department plumbing inspectors. Under the bill, BBS would now be responsible for certifying all plumbing inspectors, regardless if the inspector is employed by a building department or a health district.

As of February 2021, 246 plumbing inspectors were certified by BBS. Of the number certified by BBS, 80 plumbing inspectors are also certified by the Division. If certified by both, plumbing inspectors pay the initial certification and renewal fee to both BBS and the Division. Eliminating the double certification for some plumbing inspectors will reduce revenue deposited into the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560) by some small amount. The certification fee is the same for both BBS and the Division: \$100 for the initial certification and \$60 for the renewal certification. These fees are deposited into Fund 5560.

Fund 5560 is used by COM to oversee building code development, inspection, plan, review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial and residential construction industry and manufactured homes industry, as well as enforcing the prevailing wage, minimum wage, and minor labor laws. The fund is supported through fees assessed to the regulated entities. In FY 2020, approximately \$30.2 million from various sources was deposited into Fund 5560.