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HB 400 — Fees for Fire Prevention Measures

Sponsor Statement

Under current law, AS 18.70.070, the Division of Fire and Life Safety in the Department of Public Safety can charge and collect reasonable fees for providing building plan checks. However, building plan checks are just one of many services Fire and Life Safety provides to commercial enterprises. HB 400 allows the Division of Fire and Life Safety to collect reasonable fees for their full spectrum of services.

HB 400 allows Fire and Life Safety to collect fees for fire inspections, which ensure building compliance with fire safety codes. The bill also allows Fire and Life Safety to collect fees for the fire extinguisher and fire systems permitting programs. The permitting programs ensure that properly trained personnel are implementing fire safety measures that are in compliance with current code by regulating who can install, maintain, and repair the systems.

The spectrum of services provided by Fire and Life Safety ensure safer buildings throughout the state, reducing the potential for loss of life or property. HB 400 would allow Fire and Life Safety partial cost recovery for these vital programs.