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HB305 - Oil/Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Relief for Homeowners

Explanation of Changes – Original Version to Version B or CSHB305 (RES)

Page 2 lines 5-7 "the release was from piping, tankage, or other equipment used solely to provide [SPACE] heat or electrical power generation for a [SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OR A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH FOUR OR FEWER HOUSING UNITS] <u>building used primarily for residential purposes and that does not consist of more than four dwelling units;</u>"

The changes made in the House Resources Committee were in response to concerns that a home being used also as the location for a small business would be disqualified from eligibility for the cost recovery exemption under the original version of the bill.

The removal of the word "space" from this subsection was to clarify that if a home that uses a source of heat other than oil, but uses oil for water heating, for example, has a release of oil or a hazardous substance, they'd still be eligible for the cost recovery waiver created in the bill.