

SESSION OF 2010

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 449**

As Agreed to March 30, 2010

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 449 would amend existing law by requiring that all repairs, maintenance, or inspection of medical gas piping systems be completed by a person that is licensed under plumbers and plumbing in cities' and counties' statutes and is certified under the appropriate professional qualifications standard or standards of ASSE Series 6000. The installers would be required to obtain a proper permit from the county or city for which the medical gas is being installed. In addition, all inspections would be done by a third party agency certified under the same standards, and all documents of the inspection and certificates of the installer would be provided to the county or city prior to any occupancy of the building or unit in which the medical gas piping has been installed. Finally, the bill would provide that this section of law would not apply in counties or cities in which building codes require an inspector certified by a nationally-recognized code organization to inspect medical gas piping systems installation prior to an occupancy permit being issued.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to the House amendments (as recommended by House Committee on Health and Human Services). The Conference Committee agreed to further amend the bill by inserting language to clarify the exemption for cities and counties with regard to inspections prior to issuing an occupancy permit (certified inspector).

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[The original contents of SB 449 are included in the Conference Committee Report for House Sub. for SB 83.]

Background

The House Committee placed the amended contents of HB 2590 into House Sub. for SB 449. Appearing as proponents of HB 2590 were representatives of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 441 and individual citizens of Kansas. The City of Overland Park presented written opposition to the original bill, as the City believed the bill would place additional mandates on local governments with no guarantee of improvement of safety.

The original SB 449 would have amended current law concerning the licensure of audiologists.

The fiscal note for HB 2590 indicates that the bill would cause additional expenses for cities and counties required to implement this certification process, but fees would offset these expenses. There would be no fiscal effect on the state budget.

Health; Professions and Occupations; Safety