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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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IN RE: SB1458 by Wentworth (Relating to the adoption of a uniform commercial building code for use in municipalities in the state.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 214.214, Local Government Code, to add that the National Electrical Code applies to commercial electrical construction begun on or after January 1, 2006. Under current statute, the code applies only to residential electrical construction.

The bill would amend Subchapter G of Chapter 214 to require that all municipalities adopt the International Building Code as it existed on May 1, 2003, as the standard for all commercial buildings in the municipality for which construction begins on or after January 1, 2006. The International Building Code would also apply to any alteration, remodeling, enlargement, or repair of those commercial buildings.

Effective September 1, 2005, municipalities would be required, before January 1, 2006, to establish rules and take other necessary actions toward implementing the code standards. Other requirements of the bill would take effect January 1, 2006.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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