

**House Bill 1501**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Chapter 3000, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 3000.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 3000.0021. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING RESTRICTION OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a governmental entity may not adopt or enforce a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, the use of an appliance or other system or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

(b) A rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, or other regulation adopted by a governmental entity that conflicts with this section is void.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Chapter 3000, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 3000.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 3000.0021. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING RESTRICTION OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE. (a) No governmental entity may adopt or enforce an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, order, policy, or other measure that has the purpose, intent, or effect of directly or indirectly banning, limiting, restricting, discriminating against, or prohibiting the use of an appliance or other system or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

(b) A governmental entity may not impose any additional charge or pricing difference on a development or building permit applicant that discourages those constructing homes, buildings, or other structural improvements from using an appliance or other system or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

( ) This section does not limit the ability of a governmental entity to use an appliance or other system or component powered by any energy source on a property owned by the entity. [FA1]

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE