

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/HB 1281 — Preemption Over Utility Service Restrictions

by Commerce Committee; Energy, Communications and Cybersecurity Subcommittee; and Rep. Buchanan and others (CS/SB 1256 by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Collins)

The bill preempts local governments from restricting or prohibiting the use of any appliance, including a stove or grill, which uses any type of fuel source, except as necessary to enforce the Florida Building Code or Florida Fire Prevention Code. “Appliance” is defined as any device or apparatus, manufactured and designed to use energy, for which the Florida Building Code or Florida Fire Prevention Code provides specific requirements.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 33-4; House 98-16