THE FLORIDA SENATE 2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Community Affairs

CS/HB 1137 — Utility Service Restrictions

by Commerce Committee and Rep. Shoaf (CS/SB 1002 by Rules Committee and Senator Truenow)

The bill adds "board, agency, commission, or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision" to the list of entities that are expressly preempted from prohibiting certain types or fuel sources of energy production or the use of appliances that use these specified types or fuel sources of energy production.

The bill also prohibits rural electric cooperatives from taking certain actions that restrict or prohibit the types or fuel sources of energy production or the use of appliances that use these specified types or fuel sources of energy production.

Under the bill, the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire Marshal may not adopt any provision into the Florida Building Code or Florida Fire Prevention Code that prohibits or requires the installation of materials to facilitate the use of more than one type or fuel source of energy production used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the specified utilities and other entities, except to the extent required for the proper operation of an appliance as specified by the appliance manufacturer.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 109-5

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