

SENATOR HILLMAN: I had some inquiries from some small businesses at home. And, just for the record, could you tell me does the state statute mirror the federal regulations? Are there some things in place that require more than what the federal law does, I guess, at this point the federal law?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, we amended the bill on General File, and there should be nothing in this bill, and I'm sure there isn't, that extends beyond what the federal requirements are.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. And looking at the Fire Marshal that will promulgate rules and regs, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, they would be the implementing agency.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. Now, to determine those rules and regs, will they also have any guide, or will it be their interpretation then of the state statute?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, they would be bound by the state statute, obviously, to carry that out. I don't think they would have ability to carry beyond the bounds of the state statute we'd adopt. So,...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. I...the only reason I ask is there are some concerns by businesses that it could be, again, a really heavy burden for businesses. And they just want to be reassured that the state is not requiring any more of federal by statute, and when the rules and regs are in place that it won't be any more onerous than what they think it could be.

SENATOR WESELY: What I would respond to is this bill does not go beyond federal requirements. And I do not believe the Fire Marshal would be able to go beyond what we allow them to do under the bill, so I think we're...we're on solid ground here.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Does anyone else wish to address the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Wesely? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the Wesely amendment to LB 377. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.