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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5598  
FILE NUMBER:  
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SAVING DEVICES"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5598

STATE IMPACT Cost, see below  
MUNICIPAL IMPACT None  
STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Consumer Protection

	Current FY	1992-93	1993-94
State Cost (savings)	:	: 24,000	: 32,000
St Revenue (loss)	:	:	:
Net St Cost (savings)	:	:	:
Municipal Impact	:	:	:

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

To the extent that this bill relates to modifying the existing regulations, minimal costs are expected to result for the Department of Consumer Protection. The minimal costs are associated with developing, publishing and adopting the new regulations, or modifying the existing regulations.

Regarding the enforcement of the bill's provisions, it should be noted that the funding and the position that was dedicated to this program were removed in the 1991-92 budget, therefore, the department will need an inspector. The additional inspector will cost \$32,000 annually and \$24,000 for 9 months in FY '92-'93.

The inspector will be needed to fulfill the regulatory responsibilities as stipulated under Section 21a-86d of the Connecticut General Statutes. In 1990 DCP conducted 495 inspections of plumbing fixtures with a full-time staff person. Currently, DCP is operating the energy conservation program within available resources, thus

212 inspections have been conducted in 1991. Information relating to the number of complaints in this area has not been compiled at this time, however, an increase is anticipated.

In addition, the agency budgets do not include fringe benefit costs as they are provided in separate accounts administered by the Comptroller. As the fringe benefit costs associated with this bill represent a very small amount relative to the total appropriated to the Comptroller for fringe benefits for all state employees, they have not been reflected in this estimate.