# Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2015 Regular Session

#### **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 949	
Bill #: HB 302 HCS	
· ·	An ACT relating to the certification of roofers and making an appropriation therefor.
Sponsor: Rep. Steve	Riggs
Unit of Government:	xCityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment
Office(s) Impacted:	local government offices with responsibilities for building inspection programs and activities
Requirement: <u>x</u>	Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: x	Modifies Existing x Adds New Eliminates Existing

### **Part II: Purpose and Mechanics**

HB 302 HCS creates new sections of KRS Chapter 198B to define "board," "roofing contractor," and "roofing". Home owners and farm owners working on their own home or farm are exempt from the roofing contractor certification requirements of the bill. The bill establishes the Kentucky Board of Roofing Contractors and assigns duties and powers to the board. It establishes certification requirements and fees for roofing contractors and requires the department to develop an on-line system for paying a consumer protection surcharge fee (paid by contractors). HB 302 HCS allows any inspector licensed or certified by the department to have authority to review roofer certification and consumer protection surcharge payment on job sites. The bill establishes penalties for violation of certification requirements and failure to comply with its provisions.

Local governments that have a permitting and inspection program for roofing contractors may continue their program as long as the program is at least as stringent as the requirements provided for in HB 302 HCS. A local government wishing to operate its own existing program (which is less stringent) will have until January 1, 2016 to bring

that program into conformity with the provisions of the bill. A local government operating its own program may impose fines for violations. Local building inspectors certified by the department are to have authority to review roofing contractor certification and consumer protection surcharge payments and issue stop work orders and issue fines for violation of stop-work orders. Local governments operating their own permitting and inspection programs may petition courts to enforce penalties.

## Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

### The fiscal impact of HB 302 HCS on local government is expected to be minimal.

The bill would likely have minimal negative impact on several Kentucky cities and counties. HB 302 HCS will require most cities and counties operating their own programs to amend ordinances and procedures. They may have to create separate forms and administer their registration program for roofing contractors separately from other contractors. Also, the bill does not require the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to provide an online registry for local government to see if a roofing contractor is certified. Thus, local governments would likely need a procedure to verify that contractors are, in fact, certified with the state as well.

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