

BILL # HB 2515

TITLE: county fee for services; exception

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STATUS: As Introduced

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

The bill exempts nonprofit organizations from paying county health inspection fees.

Estimated Impact

The bill would not have a state impact. The estimated impact to county revenues would be \$(357,500). The decreased revenue would come from health inspection fees that otherwise would be collected by from non-profit agencies from counties. There may also be an additional decrease in revenue for 4 counties that did not provide an estimate.

Analysis

The Board of Supervisors of each county has statutory authority to adopt fees for any specific product or service that a county provides to the public if the Board chooses to do so (see A.R.S. § 11-251.08). Fee types and amounts are not delineated in statute. Each county is responsible for administering health inspections. Many different entities receive health inspections including restaurants, hospitals, homeless shelters, churches, etc. Inspection fees may vary according to type of facility and whether the permit is temporary or permanent. This bill would exempt all non-profit entities from paying county inspection fees. The following chart shows the estimated loss in revenue for each county as reported by the County Supervisors Association of Arizona:

County	Estimated Impact
Apache	\$1,200
Cochise	6,000
Coconino	9,000
Gila	NA
Graham	2,000
Greenlee	0
La Paz	NA
Maricopa	160,000
Mojave	25,000
Navajo	0
Pima	122,500
Pinal	15,000
Santa Cruz	NA
Yavapai	16,800
Yuma	NA
Total	<u>\$357,500</u>

NA = No Information Available

Of the 15 counties in Arizona, 9 reported the estimated loss in revenue as a result of this bill. Coconino and Maricopa County currently offer discounted fees or exemptions for some non-profit organizations in those counties while Navajo and Greenlee County already exempt non-profit organizations from paying health inspection fees. Gila, La Paz, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties did not provide an estimate.

Local Government Impact

As noted above, the bill will have a total estimated impact of \$(357,500) on county revenues.

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