

SUBJECT: Training and certifying service work on pressure vessels

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Cook, Frullo, Gallego, Geren, Harless, Hilderbran, Huberty,
Oliveira, Smithee

0 nays

4 absent — Menendez, Craddick, Solomons, Turner

WITNESSES: None

DIGEST: HB 1580 would prohibit a state agency employee or contractor from performing service work on a pressure vessel – a steam-heated vessel used for laboratory experiments or equipment sterilization – owned or used by a state agency unless he or she was trained and certified by a pressure vessel manufacturer or an accredited pressure vessel training school. Additionally, the employee or contractor would be required to provide the agency with a copy of the training certificate, and each state agency would have to keep copies of the certificates until disposing of the pressure vessel. These provisions would not be required until October 1, 2011.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.