HCS HB 1302 -- WOOD BURNING (Remole)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources

This bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from regulating the manufacture, performance, or use of residential wood burning heaters or appliances through a state implementation plan or otherwise, unless authorized to do so by the General Assembly. No rule or regulation establishing or the enforcing performance standards for residential wood burning heaters or appliances may become effective unless first approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

No new rules or regulations may be applied to existing wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, or heaters that individuals are currently using as their source of heat for their homes or businesses. All wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and heaters existing on August 28, 2014 may not be subject to any rules or regulations. No employee of the state or state agency can enforce any new rules or regulations against such existing wood burning furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and heaters.