

1-1 By: Dean, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 1501
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 19, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 22, 2021, reported
 1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1501 By: Birdwell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain regulations adopted by a governmental entity
 1-22 restricting the use of a natural gas or propane appliance or other
 1-23 system or component.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 3000, Government Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Section 3000.0021 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 3000.0021. CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING RESTRICTION
 1-28 OF NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE. (a) No governmental entity may adopt or
 1-29 enforce an ordinance, resolution, regulation, code, order, policy,
 1-30 or other measure that has the purpose, intent, or effect of directly
 1-31 or indirectly banning, limiting, restricting, discriminating
 1-32 against, or prohibiting the use of an appliance or other system or
 1-33 component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the
 1-34 construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a
 1-35 residential or commercial building.

1-36 (b) A governmental entity may not impose any additional
 1-37 charge or pricing difference on a development or building permit
 1-38 applicant that discourages those constructing homes, buildings, or
 1-39 other structural improvements from using an appliance or other
 1-40 system or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane in the
 1-41 construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a
 1-42 residential or commercial building.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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