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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Knauer DATE TYPED: 03/09/01 HB 853
 SHORT TITLE: Relief for Tenants Without Utilities SB _____
 ANALYST: Gonzales

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
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| FY01 | FY02 | FY01 | FY02 | | |
| | | See Narrative | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Office of the Attorney General

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 853 adds new language to Section 47-8-27.1, Breach of Agreement By Owner and Relief by Resident, to require a resident to give written notice to the owner of the conditions that need to be remedied when ones heat, electricity or water services are interrupted. This bill also allows a resident to deduct the cost from the rent payment immediately following the month in which the noncompliance occurred if an owner does not correct the conditions in the notice within 48 hours of receipt by the owner of the notice.

A review of this bill indicates no fiscal impact should result from passage of this measure; therefore, an in-depth analysis of technical and other issues has not been conducted by the staff.

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