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Senate Bill 476 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Loren Bennett
Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Fire Prevention Code, in regard to fire marshal investigations, to delete provisions under which a witness may not be *prosecuted* for crimes about which he or she testifies, if the witness has been granted immunity (i.e., transactional immunity). Instead, the bill provides that if a witness were granted immunity, his or her testimony and any information derived from it could not be *used* against the witness in a criminal case (i.e., the witness would be granted use immunity). The testimony could be used, however, for impeachment purposes or in a prosecution for perjury or otherwise failing to comply with the immunity order.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 473-475.

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Legislative Analyst: S. Lowe

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the criminal justice system. The extent, if any, to which the bill would affect convictions cannot be estimated.

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