

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB387

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Janis

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Telephone utilities; switched access rates.

5. Summary: Telephone utilities; switched access rates. Requires the State Corporation Commission to establish a schedule for the elimination of the carrier common line element of intrastate carrier switched access charges. For incumbent local exchange carriers with more than 15,000 access lines, the charges are to be eliminated by July 1, 2013. For those with more than 15,000 access lines or that have received a grant and loan under the federal Broadband Initiatives Program, the Commission will determine such a schedule by July 1, 2011. Certain carriers with more than 15,000 access lines may apply for an opportunity to be heard on the issue of extending the deadline for elimination of such charges to a date not later than July 1, 2014. Carriers shall be permitted to increase retail rates to recover a reasonable amount of revenue lost due to the elimination of such charges.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The requirements of this legislation can be accomplished with current staff.

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