

## State Corporation Commission 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1461

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Puckett

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Universal broadband deployment.

**5. Summary:** Universal broadband deployment. Establishes a process for the State Corporation Commission to certify priority rural broadband suppliers. Applicants for certification are required to identify the rural counties in which they commit to provide universal broadband service. Rural counties are counties with a population of less than 25,000 in which fewer than 90 percent of business locations or 50 percent of homes have access to broadband service. Rates of certificated priority rural broadband suppliers are subject to regulation by the Commission and other obligations imposed on public utilities.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal impact estimates are not available.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Fiscal implications cannot be determined. There are potential jurisdictional conflicts with federal regulations and conflicts with other state statutes. Therefore, there may be legal costs if the statute is challenged.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:**

**11. Other Comments:** No.

**Date:** 1/28/11 K. Cummings/W. Irby