

State Corporation Commission 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1697

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

2. Patron: Byron

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Broadband service providers; fiber optic broadband lines; railroad crossings.

5. Summary: Establishes a procedure by which a broadband service provider may obtain approval to place its fiber optic broadband lines across a railroad right-of-way. The measure provides that a broadband service provider may submit to the railroad company a notice of intent to construct, accompanied by a specification exhibit and a standard crossing fee of \$800; if the railroad does not claim within 35 days that special circumstances exist or that the required specification exhibit is inadequate or incomplete, the broadband service provider is deemed to have authorization to commence placing the fiber optic broadband line across the railroad's right-of-way. The measure provides that a railroad company that believes that special circumstances exist may file a petition for relief with the State Corporation Commission. The bill requires the Commission to adopt regulations prescribing the terms and conditions for a crossing.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Limited impact on the State Corporation Commission.

8. Fiscal Implications: Limited impact on the State Corporation Commission

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Requires the State Corporation Commission to adopt regulations. There would be a limited impact on Commission workload for rulemaking and anticipated filed cases.

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