

State Corporation Commission

2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB800

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

2. Patron: Herring

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Public service companies; pole attachments; cable television systems and telecommunications.

5. Summary: Requires a public utility, regarding the replacement of a pole to accommodate an attachment by a telecommunications service provider or cable television system, to conduct such attachment and any required pole replacement in a manner consistent with federal guidance and regulations. The bill prohibits a public utility from apportioning to a telecommunications service provider or cable television system the cost of replacing a pole that fails to meet certain standards as specified in the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 476.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Fiscal Impact Estimates are Preliminary. See Items 7a and 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	\$0	0	N/A
2025	\$90,000	1	NGF (02080)
2026	\$90,000	1	NGF (02080)

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enforces its rules at 47 C.F.R. §1.1401 et seq concerning disputes between utilities and telecommunications companies under its jurisdiction on the timing and cost of attaching broadband equipment to utility poles. The Commission would be responsible with enforcement of these FCC rules for utility poles owned by a public utility as defined in the bill when such public utility is not already subject to FCC jurisdiction.

Additionally, the Commission shall resolve disputes (i) arising under subsections F and H of the bill within 120 days and (ii) concerning all other matters arising under code section § [56-466.1](#) within 90 days.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None