

## State Corporation Commission 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB713

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

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Finance and Appropriations

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

**5. Summary:** Requires a public utility, as defined in the bill, 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:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Fiscal Impact Estimates are Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** With the reenactment clause included in the substitute for Senate Bill 713, if Senate Bill 713 were to become law following the 2025 General Assembly Session, the State Corporation Commission would be responsible for enforcement of the rules addressing disputes between utilities and telecommunications companies on the timing and the cost of attaching broadband equipment to utility poles owned by a public utility as defined in the bill when such public utility is not subject to FCC jurisdiction.

The Commission shall resolve disputes (i) involving pole access, including the allocation of rearrangement costs, within 120 days and (ii) concerning all other matters arising under code section § [56-466.1](#) within 180 days.

There is the potential for an indeterminate, although significant, number of dispute resolution requests either through informal complaints or formal petitions to the Commission. To address such disputes by the deadlines required in the bill, it is anticipated that two analysts and one attorney may be needed for an estimated cost of \$298,000.

Code Section § 56-466.1 currently authorizes the Commission to assess reasonable application fees to recover appropriate Commission costs of proceedings.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The substitute of the bill contains a reenactment clause that the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly. Additionally, the substitute includes an enactment clause that the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2029.