

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

HB 3151 caps the rate charged by a rural electric cooperative for attachments to utility poles by communications service providers at \$20.00 per pole per year. The rate may increase by an amount equal to the annual recurring rate adopted by the Federal Communications Commission. The rate does not include applicable charges for electric power. A rural electric cooperative would be required to pay for relocation of a communications service provider's pole attachment if the cooperative attached to the pole and made the relocation necessary.

The bill requires a rural electric cooperative that attaches to a utility pole for the purpose of providing telecommunications services to pay a rate equal to the highest rate paid by any other attacher with the same utility. Cooperatives are prohibited from providing cable television or video service to an incorporated municipality without first obtaining a franchise