

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

HB 3196 authorizes a rural electric cooperative or its subsidiary to use its existing easements to install, maintain, lease and operate broadband internet services. The measure also states that a class action may not be maintained against a rural electric cooperative or its broadband subsidiary in a suit in trespass or inverse condemnation based on a claim of expanded use of an easement where the broadband facilities are located on an easement owned, held, or used by a rural electric cooperative.