BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 1122
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Author: Rep. Phillips
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Impact: \$0

Research Analysis

HB 1122, as introduced, caps the rate charged by a rural electric cooperative for attachments to their utility poles by communications services providers. The capped rate does not include charges for electric power. A rural electric cooperative that attaches to a pole, resulting in relocation of a communications provider's existing attachment, must pay for the cost of relocation of that attachment.

The bill requires a rural electric cooperative attaching to any utility pole for the purpose of providing telecommunications or Internet services to pay a rate equal to the highest rate paid by any other attacher with the same utility, and would prevent a rural electric cooperative from providing cable television or video service to an incorporated city or town without obtaining a franchise.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1122 in its current form deals with rates charged by electric cooperatives for attaching to their poles and to electric cooperatives attaching to other utility poles. It should not create a fiscal impact for the State.

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Other Considerations

None.

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