

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3082</b>
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**Ad Valorem Revenue Decrease (Local)**

**FY-24: (\$1,900,000)**

**Research Analysis**

Pending

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Information provided by the Tax Commission:

HB 3082 which proposes amendment to Section 2808 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes by adding the definition of “cooperative broadband service providers<sup>2</sup>” and amending the definition of “transmission company” and “public service corporation” as used in the Ad Valorem Tax Code by providing that “transmission company”, “transportation company”, “public service corporation” and any subclass thereof shall not include “cooperative broadband service providers”.

Currently, “transmission company” and “public service corporation” shall not include cable television companies and fixed wireless broadband Internet service providers. HB 3082 proposes to also exclude “cooperative broadband service providers” from the definitions of “transmission company”, “transportation company” and “public service corporation” and any subclass thereof for purposes of the Ad Valorem Tax Code. Companies that fall within the proposed exclusion currently pay the public service assessment rate of 22.85%. Under the proposed changes in HB 3082 these companies would pay locally assessed real and personal property tax rates between 10% and 15%.

Six companies located in 37 counties whose activities fall with the definition of “cooperative broadband service providers” are currently centrally assessed. For tax year 2022, four additional qualifying companies will also be centrally assessed. However, the property values attributable to the four are not yet available. The estimated difference for the six companies between central and local assessment is \$1,900,000. The measure proposes an effective date of January 1, 2023. A loss of \$1,900,000 in property tax revenues to local jurisdictions is estimated for FY 24.

<sup>2</sup> “Cooperative broadband service providers” is defined to mean wholly owned subsidiaries or affiliate entities of a cooperative organized under the Rural Electric Cooperative Act, Section 437 et seq. of Title 18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, that offer broadband-based services including Internet access, Voice over Internet Protocol, and Internet Protocol television, to end-user consumers.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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