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Research Analysis

The floor substitute for HB3835 creates the Facilitating Internet Broadband Rural Expansion (FIBRE) Act. The measure requires rural electric co-ops to have nondiscriminatory rates for attachments to utility poles, have nondiscriminatory terms and conditions for attachments to utility poles. The measure prohibits a co-op from requiring a telecommunications company to comply with utility pole attachment specifications that exceed specifications adopted by the applicable local government prior to the filing of a utility pole attachment application.

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Fiscal Analysis

The floor substitute creates an unknown fiscal impact for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, as it is likely some disputes over the issue will be brought before the Commission as the measure does not direct all disputes to be brought either before the Commission or before the Courts. The Commission does not have enough knowledge about the potential amount of cases or time line of the cases to estimate the fiscal impact of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

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