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Bill Analysis

HB 2779 allows a rural electric cooperative to use an easement it holds for electric services to also use it to supply high-speed internet service. The measure prohibits a class action lawsuit against the rural electric cooperative or its broadband subsidiary based on a claim of expanded use of an easement when used for these purposes. In a trespass or inverse condemnation suit based on a claim of expanded use of an easement, any trespass found will be deemed permanent and the actual damages awarded will be the fair market value. The measure also authorizes a broadband provider with a current pole attachment agreement with the electric cooperative to use the cooperative's above ground easement to provide high speed internet service.

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