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Bill Analysis

HB 2779 provides that any easement owned held, or otherwise used by a rural electric cooperative for the purpose of electric services may also be used by the cooperative or its wholly owned subsidiary or other broadband provider to supply high-speed broadband service. Additionally, class action may not be maintained against a rural electric cooperative or its broadband subsidiary in a suit in trespass, nuisance, 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. Any trespass or nuisance found to exist shall be deemed permanent and the actual damages awarded shall be the fair market value. The measure also allows a broadband provider with a current pole attachment agreement with the electric cooperative to also use the cooperative's above ground easement to provide high speed internet service.

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