

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1977</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB 1977 requires the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to adopt emergency rules before May 1, 2023 that provide for including broadband fiber conduit for internet service providers for all new construction, reconstruction or repair contracts.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure requires that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) allow utility providers, include broadband providers use ODOT easements. ODOT is still working on the fiscal impact for this measure, but does believe it would have a significant fiscal impact for the agency.

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**Other Considerations**

None.