

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0985-04
Bill No.: SCS for SB 237
Subject: Public Service Commission; Telecommunications
Type: Original
Date: March 4, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Economic Development – Public Service Commission (PSC)** assume this legislation will make it easier for telecommunications companies to qualify for competitive status and to qualify for price cap regulation. The bills will also provide greater pricing flexibility for telecommunications companies. PSC assumes it will have less of a role in determining the reasonableness of a company’s earnings and/or rates, but also assumes no significant fiscal impact on its agency.

Officials of the **Department of Economic Development - Office of the Public Counsel (OPC)** state that although this proposal has some impact on OPC, OPC should be able to absorb the changes; however, if the requirements of the bill are combined with additional requirements or changes OPC may incur a fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (10 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This telecommunications regulatory changes contained within this legislation could result in either increased or decreased telecommunication costs paid by small businesses, depending on the degree of competitive pricing pressures that emerge.

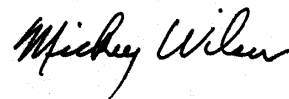
DESCRIPTION

This legislation modifies various telecommunications regulations.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Public Service Commission
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