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SB 19-107

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Donovan
Rep. Roberts

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates certain procedures for the use of electric utility easements for broadband infrastructure. The bill may increase state expenditures and local workload beginning in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill outlines the obligations and duties of electric utilities, commercial broadband suppliers, and property owners regarding electric utility easement access requests to construct, maintain, or lease broadband internet service. The bill also creates notice provisions for installation or maintenance of broadband without the consent of an interest holder. Finally, the bill clarifies statutes of limitation for damages and other claims or causes of action.

Assumptions

This fiscal note assumes that the majority of transactions under this bill are between private or non-state entities.

State Expenditures

To the extent that this bill increases civil case filings, Judicial Department trial court workload will increase. The fiscal note assumes that there will be minimal or very limited case filings under the bill and no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

Workload may increase for local governments that are commercial broadband suppliers or broadband affiliates. Only Longmont currently provides broadband services, while Fort Collins is currently building and implementing broadband services. To date, 40 Colorado counties and 91 municipalities have authorized their local government to provide telecommunications services.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 3, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks
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Judicial
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