Summary of Legislation

The bill allows electric generation and transmission cooperative associations to install, or allow a commercial broadband supplier to install, broadband facilities on an electric utility easement on real property. The bill also allows the installation of new underground broadband facilities on electric utility easements, subject to notice and procedural requirements.

Assumptions

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

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that this bill increases civil case filings regarding easements, Judicial Department civil case filing revenue and 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. Civil case filing fees are subject to TABOR.
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 takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

County Clerks    Information Technology    Regulatory Agencies