

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ENACTING THE "TELECOMMUNICATIONS MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2012".

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Scheffel and Tochtrop  
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**Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 03/19/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee 03/21/12)**

The Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report makes a change to the definition of commercial mobile radio service to exclude paging services and adds cooperative electric associations to the list of entities eligible to bid into a request for proposal (RFP) put forth by the Governor's Office of Information Technology for the broadband fund grants.

Legislative Council staff and Joint Budget Committee staff concur that the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee Report does not impact the estimated cost of implementing the bill.

**JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note**

**XXX** **Concurs**       **Does Not Concur**       **Updated Analysis**

**Amendments/Appropriation Status**

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.002** (attached) to add a provision appropriating the following for FY 2012-13:

<b>"Telecommunications Modernization Act of 2012" Appropriations By Agency for FY 2012-13</b>						
<b>Agency/Expense</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>RF</b>	<b>FF</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<b>Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), Public Utilities Commission (PUC)</b>						
Personal Services	\$56,070	\$0	\$56,070	\$0	\$0	0.6
Operating Expenses	570	0	570	0	0	0.0
Capital Outlay	2,822	0	2,822	0	0	0.0
Legal Services	<u>56,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
<b>PUC Total</b>	<b>\$116,245</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,245</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.6</b>

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<b>Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC)</b>						
Telecomm Consultant	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	0.0
Outside Legal Services	<u>56,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
<b>OCC Total</b>	<b>\$81,783</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$81,783</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT)</b>						
Personal Services	\$15,648	\$0	\$15,648	\$0	\$0	0.3
Legal Services	<u>11,357</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
<b>OIT Total</b>	<b>\$27,005</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$27,005</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Department of Law</b>						
Legal Services to PUC	\$56,783	\$0	\$0	\$56,783	\$0	0.4
Legal Services to OIT	<u>11,357</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,357</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.1</u>
<b>Department of Law Total</b>	<b>\$68,140</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,140</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Total FY 2012-13 Appropriation</b>	<b>\$293,173</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$225,033</b>	<b>\$68,140</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Bill Sponsor Amendments**

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

**Points to Consider**

None.