

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Williams Sen. Tochtrop	Bill Status: House Business, Labor, Economic, and Workforce Development
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SHORT TITLE: UPDATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY LANGUAGE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill amends statutory terms used in telecommunications regulation. Definitions are added or modified to reflect current practices related to competitive markets and types of telecommunications service providers. The bill also eliminates obsolete definitions and references, such as transitional provisions for the implementation of competitive markets in 1996.

State Expenditures

The bill creates a one-time increase in the workload of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies in FY 2014-15. By updating terms and reorganizing portions of enabling legislation cited in PUC rules, the bill requires the PUC to undertake rulemaking to ensure that telecommunications rules conform with amended statutes. This rulemaking will require minimal staff effort and can be accommodated in the regular schedule of the PUC. Thus, the bill does not require new appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Regulatory Agencies (PUC)