

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1923
Version:	Proposed Committee Sub. 1
Request Number:	7580
Author:	Rep. Martinez
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Impact:	No State Impact

Research Analysis

The Proposed Committee Substitute for HB 1923 caps the rate charged by a rural electric cooperative for attachments to their utility poles by communications services providers. The capped rate does not include charges for electric power. A rural electric cooperative that attaches to a pole, resulting in relocation of a communications provider's existing attachment, must pay for the cost of relocation of that attachment.

The bill requires a rural electric cooperative attaching to any utility pole for the purpose of providing telecommunications or Internet services to pay a rate equal to the highest rate paid by any other attacher with the same utility, and would prevent a rural electric cooperative from providing cable television or video service to an incorporated city or town without obtaining a franchise.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1923 in its current form regulates certain transactions between rural electric cooperatives and communications services providers. The measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or state revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.