

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1965</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB 1965 allows electric, telecommunications, and broadband providers to utilize existing electrical utility easements to provide or expand access to broadband services. The measure prohibits class action lawsuits alleging trespass, nuisance or inverse condemnation based on a claim of expanded easement use when the broadband facilities are located on above ground property owned or utilized by an electric provider. Such claims must be brought individually by a property owner. Upon a successful claim by the property owner and payment of damages to the property owner, an electric or broadband provider will be granted a permanent easement for the use of the facilities installed.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure should not create a fiscal impact for the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.