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Bill Number: H. 5315 Introduced on March 21, 2024
Author: West
Subject: Broadband Service Line Relocation Costs
Requestor: House Labor, Commerce, and Industry
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: April 9, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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