

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules
Vote:	5 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Bonamici, Galizio, Nelson, Riley, Holvey
Nays:	Gilliam, Girod
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/18, 4/20, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows telecommunications utilities to elect deregulation. Specifies manner of electing deregulation. Imposes price caps on basic local exchange service and intrastate switched access for electing utilities during a three year transition period when a company is moving towards deregulation. Imposes restrictions and price caps on extended area service during the three year transition period and imposes requirements for primary line basic local exchange service. Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to resolve complaints of customers of utilities electing deregulation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effects of deregulation of wire line companies on the telecommunications market.
- Effect of placing wireless, cable and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telecommunications products under the complaint process of the PUC
- Federal preemption of states ability to regulate rates for wireless, cable and VOIP telecommunications services.
- Impact on industry and consumers.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: Under current law wire line companies are regulated by the PUC and wireless VOIP and cable telecommunication services are not subject to the PUC complaint process.