

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requests Congress and Federal Communications Commission to support and protect right-of-way management and compensation authority of local governments.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local governments' commitment to increasing broadband access
- Federal intervention in local policy decisions
- Potential revenue impact to local governments of federal action on right-of-way management

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), established by the Communications Act of 1934, regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. In 2011, the FCC launched a Notice of Inquiry proceeding entitled "Acceleration of Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Rights of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting."

House Joint Memorial 12 describes concerns about the FCC's action as it relates to right-of-way management and compensation authority of local governments and requests that Congress and the FCC support and protect the authority of local governments.