

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7289
BILL NUMBER: SB 502

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Attachments to Utility Poles.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Zay
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides the following with regard to a request made to the owner of a utility pole (pole owner) by an entity seeking authorization to attach equipment to the utility pole (attaching entity):

- (1) The bill provides that a pole owner may deny an attachment request only for specified reasons and specifies requirements with regard to the pole owner's provision of notice of a denial.
- (2) The bill provides that if a pole owner does not provide notice to an attaching entity of the pole owner's approval or denial of the attaching entity's attachment request by specified deadlines, the pole owner is considered to have constructively approved the attachment request.
- (3) The bill specifies deadlines by which the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) must make a determination regarding an appeal of a denial of an attachment request.
- (4) The bill specifies requirements for completion of surveys and make ready work necessary for a pole attachment and requires a utility to provide specified information on the utility's website regarding attachment requests.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill may increase the workload of the IURC to make a determination concerning denials of utility pole attachment requests filed by a utility. Increases in workload are expected to be accomplished within existing resources and funding levels.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IURC.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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