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SENATE BILL No. 502

DIGEST OF SB 502 (Updated February 6, 2025 11:45 am - DI 101)

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Attachments to utility poles. Requires a person that seeks an attachment of communications service equipment to an electric distribution pole to report to the Indiana broadband office (office) on a quarterly basis certain information regarding attachment requests made by the person during the reporting period. Requires the office, upon receiving a quarterly report, to post the report on the office's website. Authorizes the office to adopt guidelines to implement these provisions. Provides that these provisions expire July 1, 2030.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Zay, Koch

January 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities.
February 6, 2025, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning utilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025] (a) **The following**
2 **definitions apply throughout this SECTION:**

3 (1) **"Attaching entity" means a person that seeks an**
4 **attachment, or has an attachment, to a pole.**

5 (2) **"Attachment request" means a request made by an**
6 **attaching entity to a pole owner for authorization to install**
7 **communications service equipment on one (1) or more poles**
8 **owned by the pole owner.**

9 (3) **"Communications service equipment" means any**
10 **equipment or facility used to provide communications service**
11 **(as defined in IC 8-1-32.5-3).**

12 (4) **"Office" refers to the Indiana broadband office.**

13 (5) **"Pole" refers to an electric distribution pole.**

14 (6) **"Pole owner" means a person that owns or controls one (1)**
15 **or more poles.**

16 (b) **Beginning with the calendar quarter ending September 30,**
17 **2025, an attaching entity shall report to the office, on a quarterly**

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- 1 basis and in the form and manner prescribed by the office, the
2 following information with respect to the reporting period:
3 (1) The name of the attaching entity.
4 (2) The name of each pole owner to whom the attaching entity
5 submitted an attachment request.
6 (3) For each attachment request identified under subdivision
7 (2):
8 (A) the date of the attachment request;
9 (B) the county in which each pole included in the
10 attachment request is located; and
11 (C) the date an authorization or denial for the attachment
12 request was issued, as applicable.
13 (c) Upon receiving a report from an attaching entity under
14 subsection (b), the office shall publish the report on the office's
15 website.
16 (d) The office may adopt guidelines to implement this
17 SECTION.
18 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2030.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Utilities, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 502, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 502 as introduced.)

KOCH, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1.

