

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-2192/1		Introduction Number SB-107	
Description Regulation of cable television and video service providers			
Fiscal Effect			
State:			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations			
Local:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs		5. Types of Local Government Units Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
Fund Sources Affected		Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.115(1)(a)			
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill among other things, repeals state law authorizing municipalities to grant cable franchises to cable operators. The bill requires a person who provides "video service" to obtain a video service franchise from the Department of Financial Institutions. In addition, the bill provides that providers of satellite video services will, for the first time, be bound by 100.209.

Currently DATCP enforces cable television subscriber rights and receives approximately 132 complaints annually. In addition, the department also enforces telephone solicitations and telecommunications administrative rules. For the last three years (2006, 2005, 2004) telecommunications complaints as a category have ranked 2nd in the total number of complaints received. In 2006, the department received 1,499 written telecommunications complaints representing 7.9% of all complaints received by consumers.

This bill will result in additional consumer complaints for several reasons: (1) satellite providers will now be covered under s. 100.209; (2) under the current system of municipal franchises, the majority of complaints involving s. 100.209 are handled by the municipalities; now all such complaints will be coming to DATCP; (3) under the bill, DATCP is responsible for enforcing the anti-discrimination provisions of the bill.

Since these are new responsibilities, it is difficult to determine at this time how much additional work (and staff) will be required. Only experience with the bill will make that determination possible. As a result, we are currently requesting 1.0 FTE until experience with the bills provisions permits a better assessment.

This FTE will have the responsibility of: (1) responding to individual consumer complaints generated as a result of this bill; (2) investigating patterns revealed by the complaints and taking enforcement action where appropriate; (3) analyzing and tracking the consumer issues arising from this legislation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): Office setup, desks, telephones, computers, and supplies \$10,000.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$52,500	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)	(1.0 FTE)	
	State Operations - Other Costs	12,500	
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$65,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR	65,000	
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$65,000	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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