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Brief Title: Regulating telecommunications access to limited-access highway rights-of-way.

**HB 2237 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the department's provision of access to telecommunications companies on limited-access highway rights-of-way to be in keeping with the following guidelines: (1) Telecommunications access to the department's limited access rights-of-way must be provided on a competitively neutral basis;

(2) access is conditioned upon preserving the safety and operational performance of the limited-access facility, as determined by the department;

(3) access may not be construed in such a manner as to deem the department a telecommunications company;

(4) contracts for right-of-way access must be separately negotiated with each company;

(5) the department shall exact fair and reasonable compensation for use of its limited access rights-of-way.