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Sponsor(s): Senators Swanson, Snyder, Thibaudeau and Heavey

Brief Title: Requiring public service companies to notify the utilities and transportation commission.

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Declares that a public service company is required to notify the commission ninety days prior to a work force reduction, merger, or downsizing of one hundred or more employees that occurs within a ninety-day period. The company must submit documentation of the potential impact on quality of service and worker and public safety resulting from the proposed downsizing or merger.

Requires that, within seventy days of notification, the commission must review the potential impact of the work force reduction on the quality of utility service provided to communities, businesses, individuals, and state and local governments served by the public service company, and hold a public meeting to allow consumer comment. The commission will then notify the public service company and interested parties of its findings.