

1 **SSB 5154** - H AMD TO JUD COMM AMD (H-2569.3/99) **0215 ADOPTED 04/14/99**

2 By Representative Conway

3 On page 1, line 17 of the amendment, after electric utility-  
4 strike everything through electrical service- on line 22 and insert  
5 provides notice and makes a reasonable effort to obtain an agreement  
6 from the resident or property owner present on the property to trim or  
7 remove such hazard. For purposes of this subsection (1)(b), notice may  
8 be provided by posting a notice or flier in a conspicuous location on  
9 the affected property that gives a good faith estimate of the time  
10 frame in which the electric utility's trimming or removal work must  
11 occur, specifies how the electric utility may be contacted, and  
12 explains the responsibility of the resident or property owner to  
13 respond pursuant to the requirements of the notice. An electric  
14 utility may act without agreement if the resident or property owner  
15 fails to respond pursuant to the requirements of the notice. No notice  
16 or agreement is necessary if the electric utility's action is necessary  
17 to protect life, property, or restore electric service-

**EFFECT:** Provides immunity to an electric utility for cutting  
vegetation that poses an imminent hazard to the general public if  
the electric utility notifies the resident or property owner and  
makes a reasonable effort to obtain an agreement; Allows notice to  
be given by posting a flier in a conspicuous location and  
specifies information that must be stated in the notice; Allows  
the electric utility to act without notice or an agreement under  
certain circumstances.