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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Morton, Benton and Patterson

Brief Description: Creating a moratorium on fee increases for utility use of railroad rights-of-way.

**SB 5680 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares that a moratorium is established on the imposition of new fees and fee increases by a railroad company upon a utility for the construction and placement of utility facilities on, over, under, and along the railroad right-of-way.

Prohibits railroad companies from refusing to allow a utility to construct facilities within the railroad right-of-way solely because of a dispute between the parties concerning compensation for or conditions to the placement of utility facilities on, over, under, and along the railroad right-of-way. Utility facilities shall be placed upon the railroad right-of-way as not to interfere with railroad operations.

Creates a task force to study and make recommendations on designated issues related to the siting of utility facilities on, over, under, and along railroad rights-of-way.