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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Energy, Technology & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner and Brown; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Concerning the use of public rights of way in cities and towns.

SB 6676-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that a city or town may issue or deny permits for the use of the right of way by a service provider for installing, maintaining, repairing, or removing facilities for telecommunications services or cable television services pursuant to ordinances, consistent with this act.

Authorizes cities and towns to require a service provider to obtain a master permit. A city or town may request, but not require, that a service provider with an existing state-wide grant to occupy the right of way obtain a master permit for wireline facilities.

Limits the ability of a city or town to place or extend a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications.

Provides that cities and towns may require service providers to relocate authorized facilities within the right of way when reasonably necessary for construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of the right of way for purposes of public welfare, health or safety.