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Sponsor(s): Senators Finkbeiner, Reardon, Esser, Hewitt and Schmidt

Brief Description: Regulating the provision of wholesale telecommunications services by public utility districts.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that, when a public utility district provides wholesale telecommunications services, it shall create a separate utility function for the provision of such services and shall separately account for the revenues, expenses, property, allocation of costs to its internal telecommunications needs, and the amount of funds required from other utility functions to support the provision of wholesale telecommunications services.

Provides that a public utility district providing wholesale telecommunications services shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of the first year of each biennium. The report must include, at a minimum: (1) A description of all activities relating to the construction, acquisition, operation, marketing, and leasing of telecommunications facilities and wholesale telecommunications services; and

(2) A description of the number of new locations connected to the telecommunications facilities resulting from the provision of wholesale telecommunications services to internet service providers and entities authorized to provide telecommunications services to the general public.