
HOUSE BILL 3151

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Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to review by the commission of service extension
2 requests; and adding a new section to chapter 80.36 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Upon receiving a written complaint from an individual who has
7 been denied a petition for service extension by a telecommunications
8 company, the commission must conduct an investigation. The commission
9 must investigate the complaint and issue a written decision within
10 ninety days. In investigating a complaint, the commission must
11 consider:

12 (a) The total direct cost of the extension;

13 (b) The number of customers served;

14 (c) The comparative price and capabilities of radio communication
15 service or other alternatives available to customers;

16 (d) Technological difficulties and physical barriers presented by
17 the requested extensions;

18 (e) The likelihood that other neighboring customers may request
19 service if the service extension is granted;

1 (f) The effect on the individuals and communities involved;

2 (g) The effect on the public switched network; and

3 (h) The effect on the company.

4 (2) When reviewing a request for service extension, the commission
5 must make every effort to keep the petitioner informed and make the
6 petition process as straightforward as possible.

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