

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject PSC deadline for partial deregulation of telecommunications services		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires partial deregulation of telecommunications services by setting a 120 day time limit for certain telecommunications proceedings. If the time limit of 120 days is not met the petition under consideration would be granted. This provision would be difficult to complete in the time required without hiring outside experts to assist in the proceeding on an expedited basis. The Commission is required to complete a market analysis in addition to other requirements for a Class 1 proceeding. The process of notices, hearing, discovery and briefing followed by a Commission decision take a minimum of 90 days to complete. This leaves no time for preparation of the market analysis without outside assistance. Because these proceedings have been rare (only three since 1994) it is difficult to provide a fiscal estimate in terms of actual dollars.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown