



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	<b>15-2214/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-240</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Provider of last resort obligations of certain telecommunications providers					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill repeals and amends 196.503. This bill would require a telecommunications provider who is an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) to make basic voice service effectively available to residential customers within a local exchange area. It eliminates the Public Service Commission's (PSC) authority to grant waivers, but an ILEC that was granted a waiver before this bill is exempt from the bill's requirements. This bill also allows the PSC to investigate whether an ILEC has complied with the bill's requirements and allows the PSC to order an ILEC to comply through the use of any technology or mode that the PSC determines is necessary to ensure the basic voice service is effectively available to all residential customers in a local exchange area.

The fiscal effect of this bill for PSC is not determinable. There would be additional staff time required for the PSC to investigate if an ILEC is complying with the bill's requirements. There would also be staff time needed to issue an order that an ILEC comply and for PSC to determine what technology or mode would be necessary to ensure that basic voice service is effectively available to all residential customers in a local exchange area.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications