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HB 327

SHORT TITLE    Telecomm Carrier Regulatory Requirements

ANALYST       Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received
Public Regulation Commission was not given 24 hours’ notice to provide analysis on this bill.

Synopsis of Bill

The House Commerce and Economic Development Committee substitute for House Bill 327 amends the telecommunications act to require equal application of regulatory requirement for local exchange carriers, competitive access providers, and interexchange carriers, except for the regulation of rates pursuant to section 63-9A-8.1 NMSA 1978

This bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective immediately on signature by the governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

The Public Regulation Commission (PRC) was not given 24 hours’ notice to provide analysis on this bill; therefore, it is unknown if the substitute for HB327 will have an impact on the operating budget of the agency or if it will have a significant fiscal impact on ratepayers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 1 (D) amends regulatory requirements, including that the commission's regulation “of competitive local exchange carriers, competitive access providers and interexchange carriers shall
be no greater than, and no more extensive than, that of incumbent local exchange applied equally to all other local exchange carriers, competitive access providers and interexchange carriers that serve fifty thousand or more access lines.”

Because the Public Regulation Commission was not given at least 24 hours’ notice to provided analysis on this bill it is unknown if this significant change will have a significant impact on ratepayers.

Removing the population requirement of “fifty thousand or more access lines,” only removes the requirement for the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM).

JM/al