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Bill Analysis

SB 1002 creates the Facilitating Internet Broadband Rural Expansion (FIBRE) Act. The measure prohibits the use of cross-subsidization between a rural electric cooperative (REC) electricity service and the provision or operation of emerging communications technologies provided by an REC. The measure directs cooperatives to allocate all electricity activities costs or telecommunications or Internet services activities costs in accordance with the applicable uniform system of accounts and generally accepted accounting principles and applies additional requirements and restrictions.

Cooperatives may not charge for electricity activities or Internet services activities to users who do not use the charged activity. A cooperative must also establish nondiscriminatory, competitively neutral and commercially reasonable terms and conditions for attachments to utility poles and acquire a franchise from the city or town in which it provides cable television or video service.

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