

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 469 by Senator Abraham

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "1749.14(A) and (C)(4)" to "1749.14(C)(2) and (4)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, change "40:1749.13(F) and 1749.23(B)(4)" to "40:1749.13(F),
5 1749.23(B)(4), and 1749.28"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 7, after "definitions;" and before "and" insert "to provide relative to dispute
8 resolution for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program projects;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 9, change "1749.14(A) and (C)(4)" to "1749.14(C)(2) and (4)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 1, line 10, change "40:1749.13(F) and 1749.23(B)(4)" to "40:1749.13(F),
13 1749.23(B)(4), and 1749.28"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 6

15 On page 4, line 2, delete "fluids/gases" and insert "**fluids or gases**"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 7

17 On page 4, line 17, delete "under" and insert "**pursuant to**"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 8

19 On page 5, delete line 19, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

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21 "fluids/gases **fluids or gases**, toxic or corrosive fluids/gases **fluids or gases**,
22 hazardous fluids/gases **fluids or gases**, or other"

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24 AMENDMENT NO. 9

25 On page 6, line 8, change "**Deployment (BEAD)**" to "**Deployment, or BEAD,**"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 10

27 On page 6, line 13, after "**request.**" insert "**The notice required by this Paragraph is**
28 **separate from and in addition to the notice requirements provided in R.S.**
29 **51:2370.35(A).**"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 11

31 On page 6, line 27, change "**under**" to "**pursuant to**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 12

2 On page 7, delete lines 23 through 29

3 AMENDMENT NO. 13

4 On page 8, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

5 "(2) If the operator does not visibly mark the location of these utilities or
6 facilities, the operator shall provide information to enable an excavator using
7 reasonable and prudent means to determine the approximate location of the utility
8 or facility **including but not limited to written or electronic information in the**
9 **form of maps, drawings, or G.P.S. coordinates showing any potential conflicts**
10 **within the area of planned excavation.** The information provided by the operator
11 shall include a contact person and a specific telephone number for the excavators to
12 call. After the operator has received the notification request, the information on
13 location, size, and type of underground utility or facility ~~must~~ shall be provided by
14 the operator to the excavator prior to excavation."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 14

16 On page 9, line 3, change "under" to "in accordance with"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 15

18 On page 10, after line 25, add the following:

19 **"§1749.28. Dispute resolution for BEAD Program-funded projects**
20 **A. This Section applies solely to broadband construction projects funded**
21 **pursuant to the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment, or BEAD,**
22 **Program as administered by the office of broadband, development and**
23 **connectivity, which will be referred to in this Section as the office, pursuant to**
24 **National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the United**
25 **States Department of Commerce, NTIA, requirements.**
26 **B.(1) For the projects outlined in Subsection A of this Section, a stop-**
27 **work order issued solely for alleged marking noncompliance or excavation zone**
28 **disputes shall not take immediate effect unless the issuing authority makes a**
29 **written determination that an imminent threat to life or public safety exists.**
30 **(2) Except as outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, enforcement**
31 **of a stop-work order shall be postponed for a four-hour review period during**
32 **which construction may continue. A rapid dispute resolution panel, consisting**
33 **of representatives of the office, the underground facility operator, the governing**
34 **authority of the impacted area, and the excavating contractor, shall review**
35 **relevant documentation and attempt resolution. If no resolution is reached, the**
36 **office or its designated neutral third party shall issue an independent field**
37 **determination that is binding for purposes of the stop-work order.**
38 **C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to modify federal BEAD**
39 **Program obligations.**"