

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 259** HLS 26RS 537  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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**Subject:** BEAD Program Advanced Notice

UTILITIES RE1 NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to the repair of damaged infrastructure from certain excavators or demolishers

Proposed law provides for advanced notice requirements prior to the commencement of any excavation or demolition activity utilizing funding provided by the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program; and provides for the responsibilities of the operator of the underground facility.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 2029-30    | 2030-31    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0           |
| Ded./Other          | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0           |
| Local Funds         | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>    |

  

| REVENUES            | 2026-27    | 2027-28    | 2028-29    | 2029-30    | 2030-31    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides for the responsibilities of excavators, demolishers, and operators of underground facilities in connection with broadband development projects funded in whole or in part through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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