
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 3, change "40:1749.13(F) and 1749.23(B)(4)" to "40:1749.13(F),
3 1749.23(B)(4), and 1749.28"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 10, change "40:1749.13(F) and 1749.23(B)(4)" to "40:1749.13(F),
9 1749.23(B)(4), and 1749.28"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

12 **"§1749.28. Dispute resolution for BEAD Program-funded projects**

13 **A. This Section applies solely to broadband construction projects funded**
14 **pursuant to the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment, or BEAD,**
15 **Program as administered by the office of broadband, development and**
16 **connectivity, which will be referred to in this Section as the office, pursuant to**
17 **National Telecommunications and Information Administration of United States**
18 **Department of Commerce, NTIA, requirements.**

19 **B.(1) For the projects outlined in Subsection A of this Section, a stop-**
20 **work order issued solely for alleged marking noncompliance or excavation zone**
21 **disputes shall not take immediate effect unless the issuing authority makes a**
22 **written determination that an imminent threat to life or public safety exists.**

23 **(2) Except as outlined in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, enforcement**
24 **of a stop-work order shall be postponed for a four hour review period during**
25 **which construction may continue. A rapid dispute resolution panel, consisting**
26 **of representatives of the office, the underground facility operator, the governing**
27 **authority of the impacted area, and the excavating contractor, shall review**
28 **relevant documentation and attempt resolution. If no resolution is reached, the**
29 **office or its designated neutral third party shall issue an independent field**
30 **determination that is binding for purposes of the stop-work order.**

31 **C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to modify federal BEAD**
32 **Program obligations."**