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TO: Honorable Kenny Marchant, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1576 by Gallego (Relating to the telecommunications planning and oversight council.),
As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends sections 201(a) and (b) of Government Code by including a Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) representative on the Telecommunication Planning and Oversight Council (TPOC) and the appointment of a HHSC representative promptly after the Act takes effect; specifying a staggered 2-year term for TPOC members, adding November 1 as the date for submission of council's annual report, limiting the liability of TOPC members, and that the Department of Information Resources may negotiate rates and execute contracts with telecommunications service providers for services related to transmission facilities and carrier systems.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources, 367 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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