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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Energy & Utilities (originally sponsored by Senators Strannigan, Finkbeiner, Morton and Swecker)

Brief Title: Regulating franchises and the use of public rights of way.

SB 6515-S.E - DIGEST

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Finds it necessary to clarify and integrate policies on use of public rights of way in order to recognize and foster the changes that are occurring in telecommunications.

Declares that rights of way are granted to the government for the use of the public in transportation and commerce; and that the use of these rights of way by telecommunications facilities is essential for the protection and advancement of the public's health, safety, and welfare and therefore is in the public's interest.

Declares an intent that governments rely on construction and development regulations, and not on franchises, permits, or licenses that relate solely to the public right of way, that apply generally and uniformly to construction both inside and outside the public right of way in connection with use of the public right of way for telecommunications facilities.