

**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 GPS 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.**"