



General Assembly

Amendment

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LCO No. 6388



Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 278

File No. 352

Cal. No. 250

"AN ACT CONCERNING FEES PAID TO COMPANIES OR ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The chairperson of the Public
4 Utilities Regulatory Authority shall conduct a study regarding the
5 operations of certified third-party nonprofit organizations responsible
6 for community access operations and facilities. Such study shall include,
7 but need not be limited to, a review of community access operations and
8 current funding structures for both community access organizations'
9 operational and capital needs. The study shall include, as a prerequisite
10 to any recommendations related to the funding structures of community
11 access organizations, an analysis and recommendations related to the
12 state-wide consolidation of community access operations so that any
13 recommended increase to the remaining community access
14 organizations' operational and capital budgets is at minimum net
15 neutral to the average funding collected from the applicable franchise

16 area in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30,
 17 2021, to support community access organizations in the same franchise
 18 area. In conducting the study and making associated recommendations,
 19 the chairperson shall also consider the degree of financial support
 20 provided by the communities served by the community access
 21 organizations, the appropriateness of community access organization
 22 personnel's salaries, and the degree of support provided to the
 23 community access organizations through moneys made available
 24 pursuant to section 16-331cc of the general statutes. The chairperson of
 25 the authority shall report the results of the study, including any
 26 recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the General
 27 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
 28 technology not later than December 15, 2023."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section