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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 7, 2018
Subject: House Bill 2462

House Bill 2462 would create a new law requiring the state or any local government that owns or operates a fiber network to enter into a lease agreement with any private sector broadband provider that requests to use the dark fiber on such network. Dark fiber is unused fiber within an existing fiberoptic cable. Such lease agreements would be required to be provided on a cost-plus basis and could include prorated installation costs and a reasonable lease payment within the terms of the lease agreement. The state or local government would be authorized to retain enough fiber for its reasonably anticipated 50-year needs.