

requirements that exist in current agreements between telecommunications providers and the municipalities.

The Attorney General reports that the “federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires that there be competitive neutrality in imposing franchising arrangements on telecommunications providers. This has been a source of contention and federal court litigation. A model agreement may result in some uniformity and competitive neutrality for telecommunications franchise agreements.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The legislative members appointed to the task force would be entitled to per diem and mileage when attending meetings of the task force. Presumably, these costs would be paid from the appropriation made in Subsection B of Section 3 of House Bill 1 (Feed Bill) for legislative interim expenses already signed by the governor.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Who will be responsible for staffing the task force? If the Legislative Council Service (LCS) staff is, then there would be an administrative impact to the work of LCS.

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