

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2061

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2061, as amended, would amend the definition of “critical infrastructure facility” as it relates to the crimes of trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility and criminal damage to a critical infrastructure facility.

The bill would expand the definition of a critical infrastructure facility, when the facility is used for wireline, broadband, or wireless telecommunications or video services infrastructure, to clarify that the term includes such facilities whether they are located within or outside any public or highway right-of-way.

Additionally, the bill would specify that the term includes, but is not limited to:

- Aboveground and belowground lines, cable, or wires;
- Antennas, radio transceivers, towers, wireless support structures, small cell facilities, and any associated support structures and accessory equipment; and
- Equipment buildings, cabinets and storage sheds, shelters, or similar structures.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of Charter Communications Operating, LLC.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of Charter Communications. The proponent generally stated the bill would protect cable lines, which are a component of critical infrastructure.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of AT&T, stating protection of critical infrastructure is important for customers and the public, and requesting the Committee consider adding additional items to the definition, including specific items related to antennas, radio and wireless structures, and equipment buildings and other related structures.

No other testimony was provided.

The Committee amended the bill to include the following items requested by AT&T:

- Antennas, radio transceivers, towers, wireless support structures, small cell facilities, and any associated support structures and accessory equipment; and
- Equipment buildings, cabinets and storage sheds, shelters, or similar structures.

Fiscal Information

A fiscal note on the bill was not immediately available.

Critical infrastructure; criminal trespassing; criminal damage; telecommunications