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**HB17-1174**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0747  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Wilson

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**Bill Status:** House Business  
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**BILL TOPIC:** EXEMPT RURAL TELECOM LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REQMNTS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Potential workload increase.	
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing potential workload increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Current law requires a county seeking to establish a local improvement district (LID) for the purpose of financing a telecommunications service improvement to enter into an agreement with a telecommunications service provider to provide services, facilities, plants, or systems in the area in which the telecommunications service improvement will be constructed. Additionally, the new telecommunications service must be wholly owned, operated, and maintained by the telecommunications service provider, rather than the county.

This bill exempts telecommunications service improvements in counties with a total population of under 50,000 residents from these requirements and limitations. A county with fewer than 50,000 residents that establishes a LID for this purpose and chooses to directly or indirectly provide telecommunications services is required to comply with Colorado law governing competition in utility services.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in FY 2017-18, the Department of Local Affairs may see additional technical and financial assistance requests from counties with fewer than 50,000 residents that consider forming a LID for telecommunications service improvements, driving an increase in workload. No change in appropriations is required.

**Local Government Impact**

To the extent that counties with fewer than 50,000 residents decide to establish LIDs and provide telecommunications services under the provisions of this bill, costs and workload will increase. As the bill is permissive rather than prescriptive, the number of counties to which the provisions will apply and the expenditure impact on those counties are not known at this time.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

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