

**SB 394 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits translator districts to use specified technologies. Expands authority of translator districts to distribute signals using alternative methods.

***Senate floor vote: 25-0***

***Fiscal impact issued***

***No revenue impact***

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statute allows for the creation of a translator district to ensure the transmission and reception of television broadcast signals in remote areas of the state where regular transmission of television programming is not otherwise available to the public. Senate Bill 394 allows translator districts to aggregate and distribute emergency alerts and use a range of technologies. The measure also gives districts greater discretion to delete commercial matter in the district's transmissions and to generate revenue.