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### END OF SESSION — HF 2446 — UTILITIES BOARD, STATUTORY CHANGES ACT

**Description.** [House File 2446](#) makes the following changes:

- Appoints a Chief Operating Officer, instead of an Executive Secretary, to manage the operations of the Iowa Utilities Board.
- Requires telecommunications service providers offering communications service telephone numbers to retail customers to register annually with the Iowa Utilities Board. In the event that providers fail to comply, a civil penalty will be assessed. This change gives the Board the authority to charge a fee that would be set by Board rule.
- Authorizes the Board to charge all telecommunications carrier types a uniform monthly rate of \$0.03 per line.
- Repeals the established intrastate pipeline inspection fee of \$0.50 for each mile of natural gas pipeline and directs the Board to charge pipeline companies with annual inspection fees directly attributable to the costs of conducting inspections.

**Fiscal Impact.** The fiscal impact of [HF 2446](#) to the Commerce Revolving Fund is a reduction of approximately \$65,000 due to the repeal of the intrastate pipeline inspection fee. Assessing all telecommunications carriers a uniform monthly rate of \$0.03 for each line is estimated to yield an increase of \$200,000 in contributions from telecommunications carriers to the Dual Party Relay Service (DPRS) Fund. Fee revenue will be used to cover program expenses.

**Enactment Date.** This Act was approved by the General Assembly on April 17, 2018, and signed by the Governor on May 17, 2018.

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