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MEMORANDUM

To:

House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

From:

Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date:

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Subject:

Bill Brief - House Bill 2156

House Bill 2156 would authorize a public utility in any general rate proceeding to propose rates, terms and charges below the cost of service to benefit low-income residential consumers. The KCC would be authorized to approve of such rates, terms and charges if the commission finds that they are not unjust, unreasonable or unduly preferential.

HB 2156 would establish that such rates, terms and charges shall not be deemed to be unjust, unreasonable or unduly preferential solely because such rates, terms and charges result in increased rates or charges for other residential customers.

HB 2156 would not establish any duty upon a public utility to propose or implement such rates, terms or charges for the benefit of low-income residential consumers.