

SESSION OF 2008

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 391**

As Agreed to April 4, 2008

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 391 would amend the statutes relating to KAN-ED to specify that the following features would be allowed: universal provider interconnection or peering rights; and competitively bid end-user KAN-ED connections.

In addition, the bill would prevent the creation of a barrier to interconnecting to KAN-ED through unnecessarily difficult technical standards or provider changes to access KAN-ED.

However, KAN-ED would still be able to establish technical standards for operation and maintenance of the network.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee amended the bill to clarify language in the bill in regard to barriers to peering or interconnection of providers to the KAN-ED network while allowing KAN-ED to establish technical standards for operation and maintenance of the network.

Background

Representatives of Cox Communications and Pioneer

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Communications spoke in support of the bill. Representatives of the Board of Regents and the Kansas Hospital Association spoke against the bill.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget indicates that while there is an anticipated fiscal impact for the bill, the amount has not been determined.

KAN-ED; universal provider interconnection; peering rights; competitively bid end-user connections