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## CHAMBER ACTION

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Representative Brandes offered the following:

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## Amendment

Remove lines 1765-1826 and insert:

shall be completed within such reasonable time as stated in the notice or such time as agreed to by the authority and the

utility owner.

(a) If the relocation of utility facilities, as referred to in s. 111 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, Pub. L. No. 627 of the 84th Congress, is necessitated by the construction of a project on the federal-aid interstate system, including extensions thereof within urban areas, and the cost of the project is eligible and approved for reimbursement by the Federal Government to the extent of 90 percent or more under the Federal Aid Highway Act, or any amendment thereof, then in that event the utility owning or operating such facilities shall 896645

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perform any necessary work relocate the facilities upon notice from order of the department, and the state shall pay the entire expense properly attributable to such work relocation after deducting therefrom any increase in the value of any the new facility and any salvage value derived from any the old facility.

- (b) When a joint agreement between the department and the utility is executed for utility improvement, relocation, or removal work to be accomplished as part of a contract for construction of a transportation facility, the department may participate in those utility work improvement, relocation, or removal costs that exceed the department's official estimate of the cost of the work by more than 10 percent. The amount of such participation shall be limited to the difference between the official estimate of all the work in the joint agreement plus 10 percent and the amount awarded for this work in the construction contract for such work. The department may not participate in any utility work improvement, relocation, or removal costs that occur as a result of changes or additions during the course of the contract.
- (c) When an agreement between the department and utility is executed for utility improvement, relocation, or removal work to be accomplished in advance of a contract for construction of a transportation facility, the department may participate in the cost of clearing and grubbing necessary to perform such work.
- (d) If the utility facility <u>involved</u> being removed or relocated was initially installed to exclusively serve the department, its tenants, or both, the department shall bear the 896645

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costs of the utility work removing or relocating that utility facility. However, the department is not responsible for bearing the cost of utility work related to removing or relocating any subsequent additions to that facility for the purpose of serving others.

- (e) If, under an agreement between a utility and the authority entered into after July 1, 2009, the utility conveys, subordinates, or relinquishes a compensable property right to the authority for the purpose of accommodating the acquisition or use of the right-of-way by the authority, without the agreement expressly addressing future responsibility for the cost of necessary utility work removing or relocating the utility, the authority shall bear the cost of removal or relocation. This paragraph does not impair or restrict, and may not be used to interpret, the terms of any such agreement entered into before July 1, 2009.
- (f) If the utility is an electric facility being relocated underground in order to enhance vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and in which ownership of the electric facility to be placed underground has been transferred from a private to a public utility within the past 5 years, the department shall incur all costs of the necessary utility work relocation.
- (g) An authority is authorized to bear the costs of utility work required to eliminate an unreasonable interference when the utility is not able to establish that it has a compensable property right in the particular property where the utility is located if:

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- 1. The utility was physically located on the particular property before the authority acquired rights in the property;
- 2. The utility demonstrates that it has a compensable property right in all adjacent properties along the alignment of the utility; and
- 3. The information available to the authority does not establish the relative priorities of the authority's and the utility's interests in the particular property.