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DOUBLE HEARING WED.—POLE ATTACHMENTS & ROW

This Wednesday at noon, and again at 5pm, two separate hearings will be held on pole attachment and right-of-way changes that accommodate wireless antenna attachments. The first hearing will be in the [Senate Commerce and Energy](#) Committee ([SB 354](#)). Later at 5pm, the [House Utilities](#) Committee will hear the companion bill ([HB 656](#)). These bills eliminate local control in rates, zoning and maintenance efforts regarding pole attachments of so-called “small cell” wireless antennas and accessory equipment. The bill is extremely broad and gives wireless internet carriers and speculators unrestricted access to electric infrastructure, and also all structures capable of supporting antennas i.e. street lights, stop signs, water towers, public right-of-way and any other public facilities. MPUA and MML oppose this legislation. If you are unable to attend, email your opposition to the sponsors, [Sen. Rowden](#) and [Rep. Rhoads](#). Also, email the chairmen – [Sen. Silvey](#) and [Rep. Miller](#) - asking that they share your thoughts with their respective committees.

Also to be heard on Wednesday at noon in [House](#)

[Local Government](#) is a bill ([HB 925](#)) that will require all utilities that have a master-meter customer at mobile home parks to comply with new PSC regulations as to the management of billings, delinquency, hookups, and terminations of tenants under the connection. MPUA opposes this measure as it places municipal utilities under PSC jurisdiction. Email the sponsor ([Rep. McCaherty](#)) to oppose and contact the committee chairman, [Rep. Fraker](#), asking him to inform the committee of your opposition.

Last week, [Senate Local Government](#) heard a bill limiting cities from expanding broadband for economic development and customer need ([SB 186](#)). The bill is detrimental to utilities seeking to lease fiber or provide retail service. MPUA was joined by MML, the Mo Realtors, Carthage Water and Light, Independence, and City Utilities of Springfield in opposition. The only testimony supporting the bill was CenturyLink. Continue to share your opposition by emailing the sponsor, [Sen. Emery](#), and also asking the Chairman, [Sen. Hegeman](#), to share your opinions with the committee.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

- [Bill could hinder city efforts to expand broadband](#) - Columbia Daily Tribune
- [Wal-Mart, other companies back MO bill to allow power-purchase agreements](#) - Midwest Energy News
- [Proposal would add utility vehicles to Missouri 'move over' law](#) - St. Louis Post Dispatch
- [Missouri lawmakers push public construction restrictions](#) - Associated Press
- [Cable-backed MO bill could limit municipal broadband growth, opposition group says](#) - Fierce Telecom

MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

Senator
Caleb Rowden
R - District 19



Elected to Senate:
2016

Committees:
Economic Development;
Government Reform; Local
Government and Elections

Lives In: Columbia

MPUA Cities: Columbia and
Centralia

Tidbit: Senator Rowden served four years in the House before winning the open Senate seat. He is the sponsor of SB 345 on wireless attachments.

BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPUA

[HB 104](#) [Love, Warren\(R\)](#)

Repeals provisions relating to prevailing wages on public works.
NOTE: Hearing 2/21 at 8am in Hearing Room 7

[HB 247](#) [Alferman, Justin\(R\)](#)

Increases buyer influence in the sale of municipal utilities.
NOTE: Hearing 2/22 at 5pm in Hearing Room 7

[HB 340](#) [Fitzwater, Travis\(R\)](#)

Changes provisions of law related to net metering. **NOTE:** Hearing 5pm 2/8 in HR5. **NOTE:** hearing 2/15 at 5pm in Hearing Room 5

[HB 925](#) [McCaherty, John\(R\)](#)

Establishes Manufactured Home and Mobile Home Residency Law.
NOTE: Hearing 2/22 at 12 pm in Hearing Room 1

[SB 354](#) & [HB 656](#) [Rowden](#) & [Rhoads](#)

Modifies provisions of wireless communications infrastructure and Uniform Wireless Communications Infrastructure Deployment Act.
NOTE: Hearing 2/22 at 12 pm in Senate Lounge & 5 pm in Hearing Room 5.

LINKS

[Find Your Legislator](#)
[House Session Dates](#)
[Senate Session Dates](#)
[MPUA Website](#)

MPUA CALENDAR

Feb. 27-Mar. 1
APPA Legislative Rally
Washington, DC

March 8 | 10:00 am
Member Services
Committee
MPUA Office

March 9 | 8:30 am
MPUA Board Mtg.
*Hilton Garden Inn -
Event Center*

March 14 | 10 am
MAMU Legislative
Committee Mtg
Gov. Office Bldg 315

TRAINING

Spring Tech 2016
March 15– Rolla
March 16 - Fulton
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