

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY**

**BILL SUMMARY**

**BILL NO.** H.3524 (Senate Companion S.2307)

**TITLE:** An Act relative to transparency in private utility construction contracts

**SPONSOR:** Representative William MacGregor

**COMMITTEE:** Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

**HEARING DATE:** June 4, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY:** 2023-2024: H3681 (filed by Rep. Coppinger): reported favorably to House Ways & Means; no further action.  
2021-2022: H.3280, heard by committee, reported favorably to House Ways & Means; no further action.  
2019-2020: H.2827 heard by committee, reported favorably to House Ways & Means; no further action taken.

**CURRENT LAW:**

Chapter 164 outlines DPU's authority and power over the manufacturing and sale of gas and electricity. Section 76 of Chapter 164 covers the supervisory powers of the DPU over gas and electric distribution companies and their holdings with regards to the safety and convenience of the public.

**SUMMARY:**

This legislation would require companies who enter into a contract in the amount of \$100,000 or more for gas or electricity distribution services related to excavation or construction upon, along, or across a public way to inform all bidders of its decision in writing (including the criteria used, the bidder's score, and the winning amount) within two business days, and post the name of the contractor, the location of the project, and the duration of the work on its website. This section does not apply to solicitations with only one response, and sensitive information can be withheld.