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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 1149**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Aroner**

February 25, 1999

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An act relating to public utilities.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1149, as amended, Aroner. Underground electric and ~~telephone~~ *communications* facilities.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities and, under that authority, has adopted ~~a tariff~~ *tariffs* for the replacement of overhead electric *and communications* facilities with underground facilities.

This bill would require the commission to conduct a study as to the ways to amend and improve ~~the tariff~~ *those tariffs*, as specified. The commission would be required to submit a report on the study to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2001.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Public Utilities Commission  
2 shall conduct a study as to the ways to amend and improve  
3 ~~Tariff—20 tariffs governing the replacement of overhead~~  
4 ~~electric and communications facilities with underground~~  
5 ~~facilities~~. The issues to be addressed shall include, but not  
6 be limited to, all of the following:

7 (1) Discovering and eliminating barriers to  
8 establishing continuity of the existing underground  
9 system and ways to eliminate uneven patches of overhead  
10 facilities.

11 (2) How to enhance public safety.

12 (3) How to improve reliability.

13 (4) How to provide more flexibility to local  
14 governments.

15 (b) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the  
16 Government Code, the Public Utilities Commission shall  
17 submit a report on the study required by subdivision (a)  
18 to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2001.

