



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 4974 Introduced on January 15, 2026  
**Subject:** Chinese Land Ownership Prohibition  
**Requestor:** House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** March 2, 2026

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill prohibits any company or development that is owned or controlled by a company that is owned, in whole or in part, by, or is a subsidiary of, a company that is owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party or whose principal place of business is located within the People's Republic of China from owning, leasing, possessing, or exercising any control over land or real estate located within twenty-five miles of a state or federal military base or installation for the purpose of installing or erecting any type of telecommunications or broadcasting tower.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

The bill further requires that any telecommunications or broadcasting equipment in place before January 1, 2025, be replaced with equipment made in the United States and installed by a company located in the United States. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) interprets this portion of the bill relating to the replacement of equipment as pertaining to companies owned or controlled by a company that is owned, in whole or in part, by, or is a subsidiary of, a company that is owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party and located within twenty-five miles of a state or federal military base or installation. If our interpretation is incorrect and this bill has a wider impact, the bill may have a fiscal impact on other state agencies and will require an updated impact with additional agency responses.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 15, 2026

#### State Expenditure

This bill prohibits any company or development that is owned or controlled by a company that is owned, in whole or in part, by, or is a subsidiary of, a company that is owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party or whose principal place of business is located within the People's Republic of China from owning, leasing, possessing, or exercising any control over land or real estate located within twenty-five miles of a state or federal military base or installation for the purpose of installing or erecting any type of telecommunications or broadcasting tower. Additionally, any telecommunications or

broadcasting equipment in place before January 1, 2025, must be replaced with equipment made in the United States and installed by a company located in the United States. The bill also specifies that all telecommunications and broadcasting equipment may be inspected at any time without notice for monitoring, jamming, or interception equipment, which must be removed if found.

**Office of Regulatory Staff.** This bill will have no expenditure impact on the ORS since the bill does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the agency.

Further, RFA interprets the portion of the bill relating to the replacement of equipment as pertaining to companies owned or controlled by a company that is owned, in whole or in part, by, or is a subsidiary of, a company that is owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party and located within twenty-five miles of a state or federal military base or installation. If our interpretation is incorrect and this bill has a wider impact, the bill may have a fiscal impact on other state agencies and will require an updated impact with additional agency responses.

**State Revenue**

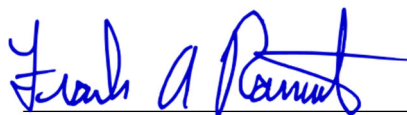
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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