SS SCS SB 903 -- TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

This bill modifies the definition of "critical infrastructure facility" to include wireline telecommunication networks, infrastructure, or facilities in addition to wireless telecommunication networks, infrastructure, or facilities.

Currently, a person commits the offense of damage of a critical infrastructure facility if he or she purposely damages, destroys, or tampers with equipment in a critical infrastructure facility. This bill modifies the offense to add if he or she recklessly damages, destroys or tampers with a critical infrastructure facility or removes any component of the facility excluding equipment. Classifications of the offense are specified in the bill and depend on the monetary value of the damages.

Any person who violates these provisions will be required to make restitution and perform community service as specified in the bill.

A person commits the offense of unauthorized possession of certain copper, brass, aluminum, fiber, or telecommunications materials if the person knowingly possesses such metals, fiber, or materials and is not the person authorized, as specified in the bill, to possess them. The offense of unauthorized possession of certain copper, brass, aluminum, fiber, or telecommunications materials is a class E felony, except it is a class D felony if certain circumstances specified in the bill are proven at trial.

This bill is similar to HB 2383 (2026).