

SENATE FILE NO. SF0024

Telecommunications universal service fund study.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to telecommunications; creating a select
2 legislative committee to study the state telecommunications
3 universal service fund; providing an appropriation;
4 providing for a report; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created a select legislative committee
12 to study the state telecommunications universal service
13 fund created by W.S. 37-15-501. The committee shall consist
14 of:

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1 (i) Three (3) representatives from the house,
2 with not more than two (2) members from the same political
3 party. The members shall be appointed by the speaker of the
4 house, who shall also appoint a cochairman of the
5 committee;

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7 (ii) Three (3) senators from the senate, with
8 not more than two (2) members from the same political
9 party. The members shall be appointed by the president of
10 the senate, who shall also appoint a cochairman of the
11 committee.

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13 (b) The committee shall study the current state
14 telecommunications universal service fund, the effects of
15 changing the current fund from a rate based fund to a cost
16 based fund, implications and desirability of supporting
17 only a single line for each business and residential
18 customer receiving support through the fund, and the
19 universal service fund subsidy level. The public service
20 commission and the office of consumer advocate shall
21 provide information and other support to the committee as
22 requested. The legislative service office shall staff the
23 committee. The committee may retain consultants as
24 necessary and shall report to the joint corporations,

1 elections and political subdivisions interim committee its
2 findings, including any recommendations for statutory
3 changes. The report shall be provided not later than
4 September 30, 2004.

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6 (c) There is appropriated from the general fund to
7 the legislative service office one hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$100,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary for
9 purposes of this act.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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