

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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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 and the effects  
15 of changing the current fund from a rate based fund to a  
16 cost based fund. The public service commission and the  
17 office of consumer advocate shall provide information and  
18 other support to the committee as requested. The  
19 legislative service office shall staff the committee. The  
20 committee may retain consultants as necessary and shall  
21 report to the joint corporations, elections and political  
22 subdivisions interim committee its findings, including any  
23 recommendations for statutory changes. The report shall be  
24 provided not later than September 30, 2004.

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2 (c) There is appropriated from the general fund to  
3 the legislative service office one hundred thousand dollars  
4 (\$100,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary for  
5 purposes of this act.

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

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