

SB002\_L.042

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT  
Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources.SB18-002 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 4, strike lines 17 through 25 and substitute  
2 "allow ~~the~~ FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO providers, ~~to be fully reimbursed for~~  
3 ~~the difference between the reasonable costs incurred in making basic~~  
4 ~~service available to their customers within a rural, high cost geographic~~  
5 ~~support area and a reasonable benchmark rate for basic service, as~~  
6 ~~determined by the commission, after taking into account any amounts that~~  
7 ~~the providers have received under price support mechanisms established~~  
8 ~~by the federal government and by this state, regardless of the~~  
9 ~~classification of basic service under part 2, 3, or 4 of this article AS~~  
10 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(a)(IV) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION; and".

11 Page 5, strike lines 2 through 5 and substitute "(II) ~~The commission shall~~  
12 ~~ensure that no local exchange provider is receiving funds from this or any~~  
13 ~~other source that, together with local exchange service revenues, exceeds~~  
14 ~~the cost of providing local exchange service to the provider's customers.~~  
15 The high cost support mechanism".

16 Page 8, strike lines 21 through 25 and substitute "support mechanisms to  
17 assist in the provision of basic service AND ADVANCED SERVICE in  
18 high-cost areas. ~~that are without effective competition for basic service;~~  
19 ~~applying the factors stated in section 40-15-207; except that support~~  
20 ~~provided in a particular geographic support area is not affected until the~~  
21 ~~commission makes a finding applying the factors listed in section~~  
22 ~~40-15-207. The".~~

23 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 13 and substitute "which may include a rate  
24 element, on all telecommunications ~~service~~ providers in Colorado. ~~and the~~  
25 ~~commission shall distribute the funds equitably and on a~~  
26 ~~nondiscriminatory, competitively neutral basis. For purposes of~~  
27 ~~administering the support mechanisms, the commission shall divide the~~  
28 ~~state into reasonably compact, competitively neutral geographic support~~  
29 ~~areas. A provider's eligibility to receive support FOR BASIC SERVICE under~~  
30 ~~the support mechanisms is conditioned upon the provider's offering basic~~  
31 ~~service throughout an entire support area. The commission shall review~~  
32 ~~the costs of basic service and shall administer the support mechanisms.~~

33 (b) A provider that offers basic local exchange service throughout  
34 an entire support area through use of its own facilities or on a resale basis  
35 may be qualified as a provider of last resort. ~~or may be eligible to receive~~  
36 ~~universal service support, as determined by the commission. Resale~~  
37 ~~shall".~~