

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 27, 2025
Date

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1154 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, strike lines 1 through 3 and substitute
2 "PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES THAT ENABLE COMMUNICATION
3 BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, AND
4 DEAFBLIND OR WHO HAVE SPEECH DISABILITIES AND INDIVIDUALS
5 WITHOUT COMMUNICATION-RELATED DISABILITIES;"

6 Page 3, lines 9 and 10, strike "STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO
7 PROVIDE" and substitute "THE PROVISION OF".

8 Page 3, strike line 16 and substitute "SERVICES FOR FEE PAYERS; AND
9 (d) COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FEE PAYERS, BOTH FEE PAYERS
10 WITH COMMUNICATION-RELATED DISABILITIES AND THOSE WITHOUT,
11 REQUIRES TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGIES AND
12 IN-PERSON MEANS TO MEET ALL COMMUNICATION NEEDS."

13 Page 3, lines 20 and 21, strike "INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMUNICATION
14 NEEDS RELATED TO THEIR DISABILITIES" and substitute "FEE PAYERS".

15 Page 4, line 2, strike "DISABILITIES;" and substitute "DISABILITIES TO
16 ASSIST THEM IN COMMUNICATING WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH AND WITHOUT
17 THE SAME COMMUNICATION-RELATED DISABILITIES;"

18 Page 4, line 5, strike "DISABLED;" and substitute "DISABLED TO ASSIST
19 THEM IN COMMUNICATING WITH FEE PAYERS WITH AND WITHOUT
20 COMMUNICATION-RELATED DISABILITIES;"

21 Page 4, line 19, strike "EMPLOYERS" and substitute "THEIR CUSTOMERS".

- 1 Page 5, line 1, strike "P.2D" and substitute "P.2d".
- 2 Page 5, lines 9 and 10, strike "CALCULATED BASED ON" and substitute
3 "RELATED TO".
- 4 Page 5, line 12, strike "NOT" and substitute "SO LONG AS THE ENTERPRISE
5 QUALIFIES AS AN ENTERPRISE FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X
6 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, NOT".
- 7 Page 5, strike lines 17 through 19 and substitute "SECTION 24-77-103.6
8 (6)(b)(I)(G)".
- 9 Page 6, strike line 1 and substitute "THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR OF THE
10 ENTERPRISE IS FISCAL YEAR 2024-25".
- 11 Page 6, lines 20 and 21, strike "AND CONSISTS OF STAFF OF THE STATE
12 DEPARTMENT." and substitute "WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE".
- 13 Page 8, strike line 5 and substitute "REASONABLY RELATED TO THE
14 OVERALL COST OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS
15 SUBSECTION".
- 16 Page 8, lines 17 and 18, strike "SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE ACTIVITIES" and
17 substitute "REASONABLY RELATED TO THE OVERALL COST OF PROVIDING
18 THE SERVICES".
- 19 Page 8, line 20, before "ADJUSTING" insert "IF NEEDED,".
- 20 Page 9, lines 8 and 9, strike "BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE DIVISION
21 AND THE COMMISSION," and substitute "BOARD".
- 22 Page 9, after line 13 insert:
- 23 "(e) THE ENTERPRISE MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF
24 CONTRACTORS AND CONSULTANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL
25 ASSISTANCE AND TO SUPPLY OTHER SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONDUCT
26 OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE ENTERPRISE, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE
27 "PROCUREMENT CODE", ARTICLES 101 TO 112 OF TITLE 24. THE
28 ENTERPRISE SHALL ENGAGE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR LEGAL
29 SERVICES. THE STATE MAY PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND STAFF TO THE
30 ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A FAIR MARKET RATE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO
31 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(e)".

1 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

2 Page 9, line 19, after "(a)" insert "(I)".

3 Page 9, line 20, after the period add "THE BOARD MUST NOT EXCEED
4 SEVEN MEMBERS AND MUST ALWAYS CONSIST OF AN ODD NUMBER OF
5 MEMBERS.

6 (II) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS; EXCEPT
7 THAT THE TERMS SHALL BE STAGGERED SO THAT NO MORE THAN THREE
8 MEMBERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR. THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOT
9 APPOINT A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

10 (III) BOARD MEMBERS DO NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR
11 PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD BUT MAY RECEIVE A PER
12 DIEM OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER REASONABLE AND
13 NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD.
14 THE PER DIEM OR REIMBURSEMENT IS PAID FROM THE FUND."

15 Page 10, lines 4 and 5, strike "of human services." and substitute "~~of~~
16 ~~human services~~. THE DIVISION IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
17 COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ENTERPRISE."

18 Page 12, line 6, strike "STATE DEPARTMENT." and substitute
19 "COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ENTERPRISE."

20 Page 18, line 27, strike "or as proposed by," and substitute "~~or as~~
21 ~~proposed by~~,".

22 Page 19, line 13, after "(1)" insert "(a)".

23 Page 19, line 19, before "money credited" insert "UNEXPENDED AND
24 UNENCUMBERED MONEY REMAINING IN THE FUND AT THE END OF A FISCAL
25 YEAR AND ALL".

26 Page 19, after line 21 insert:

27 "(b) MONEY CREDITED TO THE COLORADO DIVISION FOR THE DEAF,
28 HARD OF HEARING, AND DEAFBLIND CASH FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY
29 APPROPRIATED TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN
30 SECTION 26-21-103.5 AND TO PAY THE ENTERPRISE'S REASONABLE AND
31 NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES."

32 Page 20, strike line 1 and substitute "funding for entities to ~~address~~
33 IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FEE PAYERS BY ADDRESSING the
34 needs of ~~Colorado's~~ INDIVIDUALS WHO".

- 1 Page 24, line 3, before "TELEPHONE" insert "VOICE".
- 2 Page 24, line 7, before "TELEPHONE" insert "VOICE".
- 3 Page 24, line 17, after "**enterprise -**" insert "**Colorado telephone users**
4 **with disabilities fund - created -**".
- 5 Page 25, line 25, after the period add "MONEY THAT THE COMMISSION
6 RETAINS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c)(II) SHALL BE CREDITED TO
7 THE COLORADO TELEPHONE USERS WITH DISABILITIES FUND, WHICH FUND
8 IS CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY
9 CREDITED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3)(c)(II) AND
10 ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR
11 TRANSFER TO THE FUND. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL
12 INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF
13 MONEY IN THE COLORADO TELEPHONE USERS WITH DISABILITIES FUND TO
14 THE FUND."
- 15 Page 28, line 23, strike "**wireless**".
- 16 Page 28, line 24, after "**enterprise -**" insert "**prepaid wireless trust cash**
17 **fund - created -**".
- 18 Page 31, line 13, after the period add "MONEY THAT THE DEPARTMENT
19 RETAINS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e)(II) SHALL BE CREDITED TO
20 THE PREPAID WIRELESS TRUST CASH FUND, WHICH FUND IS CREATED IN THE
21 STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY CREDITED TO THE FUND
22 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(e)(II) AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT
23 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND.
24 THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED
25 FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE PREPAID WIRELESS
26 TRUST CASH FUND TO THE FUND."
- 27 Page 37, line 10, strike "wireless TRS" and substitute "~~wireless TRS~~
28 TELEPHONE DISABILITY ACCESS".
- 29 Page 37, line 16, strike "wireless TRS" and substitute "~~wireless TRS~~
30 TELEPHONE DISABILITY ACCESS".
- 31 Page 39, line 4, strike "40-17-104 (1)," and substitute "40-17-102
32 (3)(c)(II),".
- 33 Page 39, line 10, strike "(c)" and substitute "(b)".

- 1 Page 40, line 3, strike "department of".
- 2 Page 41, line 5, strike "40-17-104 (1)," and substitute "40-17-102
- 3 (3)(c)(II),".
- 4 Strike "COLLABORATION" and substitute "CONSULTATION" on: **Page 7,**
- 5 line 26; and **Page 8,** lines 12 and 19.

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