



SUMMARY REPORT

of Interim Committee Activities

October 2024

Cell Phone Connectivity Interim Study Committee

Legislative Committee Members: Representative Meghan Lukens, Chair, Senator Dylan Roberts, Vice-chair
Senators Nick Hinrichsen, Rod Pelton
Representatives Jennifer Bacon, Matt Soper

Non-Legislative Committee Members: Michael Blank, Eddie Castaneda, Bob Fifer, Kevin Klein, Guillermo Lambarri,
Eli Veenedaal

Committee Charge

Interim Committee Letter 2024-04 created the Cell Phone Connectivity Interim Committee to study and identify gaps in cell phone coverage across the state. The committee was authorized to meet four times and take two field trips to review connectivity efforts and improvements at major roadways, mountain passes, and popular trailhead, and in rural and historically disadvantaged communities. Additionally, the committee was charged with examining state tools and resources used to minimize service gaps, as well as cell phone company coverage maps for accuracy.

Calendar of Events

July 9, 2024

- National Conference of State Legislatures presentation about federal and state cell phone laws
- Telecom Industry panel
- State Government panel about cell phone coverage efforts and regulations
- Public testimony

August 12, 2024

- Wireless Infrastructure Association presentation
- Colorado Technology Association presentation
- Colorado Broadband Office presentation
- Small Cell Carrier presentation
- Community panel about connectivity issues

- Colorado Counties Incorporated presentation
- Public testimony

August 19, 2024

- Front Range field trip

August 20, 2024

- Colorado Communications and Utility Alliance presentation
- Public testimony
- Bill draft requests

September 3, 2024

- Mountain-area tour



October 1, 2024

- Public testimony
- Final action on bill draft requests

Recommended Legislation

As a result of committee discussion and deliberation, the committee recommends the following bills for consideration in the 2025 legislative session.

Bill A – Single Point of Contact Wireless Services

The bill creates a single point of contact for emergency alert systems and expands the scope of the Colorado Broadband Office to include access to wireless service.

Bill B – Wireless Telephone Infrastructure Incentives

The bill establishes the Wireless Telephone Infrastructure Grant Program to support wireless telephone service deployment in certain areas of the state.

Bill C – Local Gov Permitting Wireless Telecom Facilities

The bill makes changes to local government approval of applications for siting or construction of wireless communications facilities.