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LLS NO. 01-0243.01 Jery Payne

SENATE BILL 01-026

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None)

Senate Committees

Public Policy and Planning

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
102 **SERVICE PROVIDER THAT RECEIVES A DISTRIBUTION FROM THE**
103 **HIGH COST SUPPORT MECHANISM MUST REPORT CERTAIN**
104 **INFORMATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Requires a telecommunications service provider that receives a distribution or allocation from the high cost support mechanism to report to the public utilities commission the amount of the distribution; an accounting of the application of that distribution by geographic high cost area; and an accounting of the specific investments, purchases, and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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expenditures that were made with the distribution. Requires the commission to make such information available for public inspection.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 40-15-208, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **40-15-208. High cost support mechanism - Colorado high cost**
5 **administration fund - creation - purpose - operation.** (4) (a) EACH
6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER RECEIVING A DISTRIBUTION OR
7 AN ALLOCATION FROM THE HIGH COST SUPPORT MECHANISM SHALL FILE A
8 DISCLOSURE REPORT WITH THE COMMISSION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING:

9 (I) THE AMOUNT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OR ALLOCATION;

10 (II) AN ACCOUNTING OF THE APPLICATION OF THAT DISTRIBUTION
11 BY GEOGRAPHIC HIGH COST AREA; AND

12 (III) AN ACCOUNTING OF THE SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS, PURCHASES,
13 AND EXPENDITURES THAT WERE MADE WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OR
14 ALLOCATION.

15 (b) (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS REQUIRED BY
16 THIS SUBSECTION (4) AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

17 (II) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULE OR
18 PROCEDURE NECESSARY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION (4),
19 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DETERMINING THE GEOGRAPHIC HIGH COST
20 AREAS.

21 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
22 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
23 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
24 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
25 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act

1 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,
2 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the
3 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
4 governor.