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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2042

As Recommended by House Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

HB 2042 would amend one statute governing providers of telephone service in the state. Specifically, the bill would repeal a provision requiring that promotions offered by a local exchange carrier must apply to all customers in an exchange or group of exchanges in a nondiscriminatory manner. In place of that requirement, the bill would prohibit the Corporation Commission from approving promotions that are unjust, unreasonably discriminatory, or unduly preferential.

Background

Introduction of the bill was requested by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SBC). At the House Committee hearing, the bill was supported by SBC and Sprint.

The Corporation Commission stated in its testimony that it does not oppose the bill as introduced.

Everest Connections, a cable company that provides telephone service in a portion of Johnson County, presented testimony to the House Committee in opposition to the bill. Birch Telecom presented written testimony in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that the bill would have no fiscal effect.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>