

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: HB 2123, 2nd Eng. (CS/SB 1008, 1st Eng.) [H2123.HMS]
SPONSOR: House Utilities & Communications Committee and Representative Rojas
SUBJECT: Telecommunications Services
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Regulated Industries
DATE: April 29, 1999

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 - 590325 to Senate Amendment 1 - 935754 (body with title)
House Amendment 2 - 091171 to Senate Amendment 1 -935754 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 deletes from the bill the course for establishing a permanent universal service funding mechanism on or before July 1, 2000, and implementing the fund on or before January 1, 2001, as proposed by the Senate amendment. Instead, the deadline for establishing a permanent mechanism is moved to January 1, 2001, no parameters are set for the Public Service Commission providing pertinent information to the Legislature prior to that time, and no schedule is set for implementing the fund.

The amendment does not change the provision in the Senate's amendment that extends carrier-of-last-resort obligations until January 1, 2001.

House Amendment 2 deletes the \$1 million appropriation for Lifeline advertisements and reduces the appropriation for the internet task force to \$250,000.