

2 **SHB 1703** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Energy & Utilities

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint select committee on
8 telecommunications is hereby created. The committee shall consist of
9 eight members, four from the house of representatives to be appointed
10 by the speaker of the house of representatives and four from the senate
11 to be appointed by the president of the senate, with not more than two
12 members from each chamber being of the same political party. The
13 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee shall be jointly
14 selected by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.
15 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
16 appointment. The committee shall use existing legislative staff to the
17 extent practicable.

18 The committee in the exercise of its responsibilities shall be
19 deemed to be performing operations in assistance to the Washington
20 utilities and transportation commission and shall be funded from the
21 public service revolving fund. The committee shall have the authority
22 to hire such additional staff, create such advisory committees,
23 contract with such state agencies or private consultants, and incur
24 such administrative, educational, and member and staff travel expenses
25 as it deems necessary within its budget, subject to available funds and
26 the approval of the senate facilities and operations committee and the
27 house of representatives executive rules committee in accordance with
28 the joint rules. Committee-related travel expenses of the committee
29 members and staff shall be paid from the committee's budget.

30 The committee shall be housed in existing facilities and shall be
31 subject to the rules of the house of the chairperson.

32 The committee shall report to the legislature in January 1994 and
33 cease to exist on July 1, 1994."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "companies;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

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