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6 On page 1, after line 10, insert the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Universal telephone service, which is the
8 wide availability of basic telephone service at reasonably affordable
9 rates, has long been the policy of the state of Washington and is
10 essential to the economic well-being of the state. In order to comply
11 with the 1996 federal telecommunications act, the state must modify its
12 universal service program so as to meet the twin goals, under the
13 federal act, of competition and reasonable rates for basic phone
14 service. In making the transition to a more competitive
15 telecommunications market, the legislature intends to minimize the
16 shifting of costs among classes of customers, so that no class of
17 customers bears a disproportionately adverse change in its share of
18 universal service costs."

19 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
20 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Adds intent language explaining why universal service reform is needed, and expressing the legislature's intent that no customer class bear a disproportionate burden, in making the transition to a more competitive market.

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