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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Poulsen, Crouse, Ruderman and Delvin; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Brief Description: Reducing regulatory requirements on competitive telecommunications services and companies.

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Declares that competitive telecommunications services shall be subject to minimal regulation as provided for in this act.

Directs the commission to waive the application to competitive telecommunications service of any regulatory requirement under title 80.36 RCW if it determines that competition will serve the same purposes as public interest regulation. The commission may waive different regulatory requirements for different types of service or different types of companies if the treatment is in the public interest and does not result in unfair competitive advantage.

Authorizes the commission to permit or require that telecommunications companies maintain publicly accessible price lists or file price lists with the commission.

Provides that, regardless of whether price lists are filed with the commission, no telecommunications company may impose mandatory local measured telecommunications service that is inconsistent with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130(3).

Requires each telecommunications company to notify customers of any change in the prices, terms, or conditions under which any competitive telecommunications service is offered or provided.