

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Weidner, Bentz, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows the Department of Revenue and the Public Utility Commission to share information received while administering the telecommunications tax funding the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system and surcharge funding the Residential Service Protection Fund. Alters the definition of “telecommunications relay services” to include a broader array of technologies than the voice and teletype system noted in current statute.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for consistency across state agencies
- Need to align with Federal Communications Commission standards

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Telecommunications relay service (TRS) is a telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls. TRS has changed since being introduced in the late 1980s to include additional services as mandated by the federal government. The Public Utility Commission asserts that Senate Bill 145-A will “mirror the definition of TRS as used by the Federal Communications Commission rules.”