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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

June 12, 1991
Room 454
9:45 a.m. Tape 65

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Jolin, Chair
 Senator Otto, Vice-Chair
 Senator Kennemer
 Senator Bunn
 Senator Shoemaker

STAFF PRESENT: Cherie Copeland, Committee Administrator
 Apryl Poff, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2902 Affiliated interest contract, WS.

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WORK SESSION.
TAPE 65, SIDE A

HB 2902-A AFFILIATED INTEREST CONTRACTS, WS.
 Witnesses: Gary Wilhelms, US WEST Communications.
 Mike Kane, Public Utility Commission.

005 CHAIR JOLIN: Calls the hearing to order at 10:09 a.m.

007 CHAIR JOLIN: After some visitations with Governor's office, we have made some changes in HB 2902-A.

010 CHERIE COPELAND: Summarizes the HB 2902-5 amendments. The amendments set up a three-tiered process for approval and review, or no approval and review, of affiliated interest contracts. The difference in the HB 2902-5 amendments from the previous set is that the lower threshold figure has been

changed to \$25,000. Any annual expenditure with an affiliated interest under \$25,000 isn't subject to review by the PUC. From \$25,000 to \$100,000 there is an abbreviated review process whereby the utility files a copy of the contract and a letter outlining five issues. If a contract is over \$100,000 there is a full review process and the option for a waiver.

028 GARY WILHELMS: US WEST would have liked to have seen the figure under which no review is required, to be \$50,000. The amendments are something that we can work with.

035 MIKE KANE: The PUC is in agreement with the HB 2902-5 amendments.

MOTION: Chair Jolin moves the HB 2902-5 amendments.

VOTE: There being no objections the motion carries.

Do Pass MOTION: Chair Jolin moves HB 2902 as amended to the floor with a recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries with all members present voting "AYE."

Senator Otto excused.

Senator Bunn will carry the bill.

048 CHAIR JOLIN: Adjourns hearing at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Apryl Poff Cherie Copeland
Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - HB 2902-5 hand-engrossed amendments submitted by staff, 3 pages.