

## Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB938

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Kilgore

**3. Committee** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title** Telecommunications; competition policy.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Directs the State Corporation Commission, in resolving issues and cases concerning local exchange telephone service under the federal Telecommunications Act or state law to consider it in the public interest, as appropriate, to treat all providers of local exchange telephone services in an equitable fashion and without undue discrimination and, to the greatest extent possible, apply the same rules to all providers of local exchange telephone services. The Commission is also required to consider it in the public interest, as appropriate, to promote competitive product offerings, investments, and innovations from all providers of such services in all areas of the Commonwealth and to reduce or eliminate any requirement to price retail and wholesale products and services at levels that do not permit providers of such services to recover their costs of those products and services.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary**

**6a. Expenditure Impact: See Item 8**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2003-04			
2004-05	\$26,000		SF
2005-06			
2006-07			
2007-08			
2008-09			
2009-10			

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This fiscal impact statement is based on the assumption that one or more local exchange companies will file a new alternative regulatory plan for review by the Commission. While the scope of any such plan is unknown, the Division of Communications anticipates the need for an outside consultant to perform cost related work over the course of approximately three months in 2004.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** State Corporation Commission.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** House Bill 938 was amended by a substitute in the House Commerce and Labor Committee. The original version of this bill was continued to the 2005 General Assembly Session in a companion bill, Senate Bill 383.

**Date:** 03/10/04 / SCB/WI

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade