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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
8 telecommunications industry is experiencing rapid change and
9 technological evolution. The legislature further finds that it is in
10 the public interest to examine the practice of local governments
11 pursuing a publicly owned telecommunications system, particularly to
12 determine the potential risks and benefits to ratepayers.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The house of representatives and senate
14 energy and utilities committees shall conduct a study of the advantages
15 and disadvantages of publicly owned telecommunications systems,
16 including cable television systems. The study should review the risks
17 and benefits to taxpayers, the effects on nascent competition, and the
18 effects on current and future private investment in telecommunications.
19 The committees shall make recommendations for consideration in the 1998
20 legislative session."

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24 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "system;" strike the
25 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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