

2 **HB 2096** - S AMD TO SLG COMM AMD (S-2515.1/01) AMD 252
3 By Senator Sheldon, B.

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5 On page 1, after line 25 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 80.36.005 and 1993 c 249 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 ~~((As used in this chapter))~~ The definitions in this section apply
9 throughout RCW 80.36.410 through 80.36.475, unless the context
10 ~~((indicates))~~ clearly requires otherwise(()).

11 (1) "Community agency" means local community agencies that
12 administer community service voice mail programs.

13 (2) "Community service voice mail" means a computerized voice mail
14 system that provides low-income recipients with: (a) An individually
15 assigned telephone number; (b) the ability to record a personal
16 greeting; and (c) a private security code to retrieve messages.

17 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
18 services.

19 (4) "Service year" means the period between July 1st and June 30th.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 80.36.410 and 1987 c 229 s 3 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The legislature finds that universal telephone service is an
23 important policy goal of the state. The legislature further finds
24 that: (1) Recent changes in the telecommunications industry, such as
25 federal access charges, raise concerns about the ability of low-income
26 persons to continue to afford access to local exchange telephone
27 service; and (2) many low-income persons making the transition to
28 independence from receiving supportive services through community
29 agencies do not qualify for economic assistance from the department.
30 Therefore, the legislature finds that it is in the public interest to
31 take steps to mitigate the effects of these changes on low-income
32 persons.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 80.36.470 and 1990 c 170 s 6 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

1 (1) Adult recipients of department-administered programs for the
2 financially needy which provide continuing financial or medical
3 assistance, food stamps, or supportive services to persons in their own
4 homes are eligible for participation in the telephone assistance
5 program. The department shall notify the participants of their
6 eligibility.

7 (2) Participants in community service voice mail programs are
8 eligible for participation in the telephone assistance program after
9 completing use of community service voice mail services. Eligibility
10 shall be for a period including the remainder of the current service
11 year and the following service year. Community agencies shall notify
12 the department of participants eligible under this subsection.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act expire June 30,
14 2003."

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18 On page 1, line 30 of the title amendment, after "insert" strike
19 the remainder of the title amendment and insert "amending RCW
20 57.46.010, 80.36.005, 80.36.410, and 80.36.470; and providing an
21 expiration date."

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