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By Senators Hochstatter, Costa and Rossi

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Technology & Telecommunications.

1 AN ACT Relating to the taxation of aggregators as competitive
2 telephone service providers; and amending RCW 82.04.065.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.04.065 and 1997 c 304 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) "Competitive telephone service" means the providing by any
7 person of telecommunications equipment or apparatus, or service related
8 to that equipment or apparatus such as repair or maintenance service,
9 if the equipment or apparatus is of a type which can be provided by
10 persons that are not subject to regulation as telephone companies under
11 Title 80 RCW and for which a separate charge is made. Competitive
12 telephone service includes service offered by aggregators as defined at
13 47 U.S.C. Sec. 226(a)(2).

14 (2) "Network telephone service" means the providing by any person
15 of access to a local telephone network, local telephone network
16 switching service, or toll service, (~~((or coin telephone services,))~~) or
17 the providing of telephonic, video, data, or similar communication or
18 transmission for hire, via a local telephone network, toll line or
19 channel, cable, microwave, or similar communication or transmission

1 system. "Network telephone service" includes interstate service,
2 including toll service, originating from or received on
3 telecommunications equipment or apparatus in this state if the charge
4 for the service is billed to a person in this state. "Network
5 telephone service" includes the provision of transmission to and from
6 the site of an internet provider via a local telephone network, toll
7 line or channel, cable, microwave, or similar communication or
8 transmission system. "Network telephone service" does not include the
9 providing of competitive telephone service, the providing of cable
10 television service, the providing of broadcast services by radio or
11 television stations, nor the provision of internet service as defined
12 in RCW 82.04.297, including the reception of dial-in connection,
13 provided at the site of the internet service provider.

14 (3) "Telephone service" means competitive telephone service or
15 network telephone service, or both, as defined in subsections (1) and
16 (2) of this section.

17 (4) "Telephone business" means the business of providing network
18 telephone service, as defined in subsection (2) of this section. It
19 includes cooperative or farmer line telephone companies or associations
20 operating an exchange.

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