Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2– Committee of the Whole

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of telecommunication services in this state.

WHEREAS, The development and availability of telecommunication services continue to improve and enrich the quality of life for the residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, Providing telecommunication services efficiently and economically is essential for maintaining a strong and vibrant economy in this state; and

WHEREAS, The regulation and taxation of telecommunication companies affect economic growth in this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint an interim committee, composed of three members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct a study of telecommunication services in this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an evaluation of:

- 1. The methods presently used to determine the rates for telecommunication services provided in this state;
- 2. The feasibility of eliminating any implicit subsidies based upon the type and location of the telecommunication services provided in this state;
- 3. The feasibility of determining rates for telecommunication services provided in this state without the use of implicit subsidies based upon the type and location of telecommunication services provided in this state;
- 4. The current competition and future competitive trends for telecommunication services in the Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada markets;
- 5. The pricing trends to various customer classes of telecommunication services after the enactment of Senate Bill No. 400 by the 70th Session of the Nevada Legislature;
- 6. Methods to promote deployment of affordable broadband services to all classes of consumers; and
- 7. Before regulatory action is taken that is not otherwise required as a result of changes made by the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature or as result of federal laws and regulations, the appropriate scope of future legislative or regulatory policies regarding telecommunication services and products to promote an

orderly transition to a functionally competitive telecommunications market in a manner that will most benefit the consumers and economy of this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.