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OPPOSITION TO - SENATE BILL 400

THIS BILL:

- UNFAIRLY REQUIRES THE LEGISLATURE TO DECIDE COMPLEX TECHNOLOGICALLY DEPENDENT REGULATORY DECISIONS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF NEVADA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY IN A FEW HOURS OF HEARING (§ 8)
- Results in the deregulation of basic local telephone services (§ 8, 10, 25)
- Does nothing to advance the orderly transition of Nevada's communication markets (§§8, 10, 25)
- Will result in increases in consumer and business service prices in the absence of competitive alternatives (§§10,18)
- Will eviscerate commercial safeguards established in 1999 (§§10, 18)
- Will allow the local phone companies to escape regulation of service price, quality, and availability by exempting them from the oversight of the Public Service Commission (§ 10)
- Will eliminate the ability of the Bureau of Consumer Protection to support consumers from monopoly abuse (§ 25, NRS. 228.380(3))
- Will place Nevada **FIRST** to deregulate local phone services of the incumbent in the absence of any measurable or sustainable competition.
- Broadband deregulatory provisions have been opposed across the country, including many State legislatures (TN, KS, IND, and MO) (§ 12)
- Will tie the Commissions hands from reviewing market and consumer abuses of the local phone companies (§25)
- Will allow SBC and Sprint to escape prematurely from standing regulatory orders and current Nevada law (§§21,22,23)
- Will create fictitious competitive markets that are different depending upon if you live in Southern Nevada or Northern Nevada (§§13, 25)
- Will create regulatory constructs for competitors that have heretofore not been regulated by the Public Service Commission (§ 12)
- And its supporters, would undermine consumer and competitors confidence in the State of Nevada and would dissuade competitors from further investing risk capital in Nevada