

54-8b-1.1 Legislative policy declarations.

The Legislature declares it is the policy of the state to:

- (1) endeavor to achieve the universal service objectives of the state as set forth in Section 54-8b-11;
- (2) facilitate access to high quality, affordable public telecommunications services to all residents and businesses in the state;
- (3) encourage the development of competition as a means of providing wider customer choices for public telecommunications services throughout the state;
- (4) allow flexible and reduced regulation for telecommunications corporations and public telecommunications services as competition develops;
- (5) facilitate and promote the efficient development and deployment of an advanced telecommunications infrastructure, including networks with nondiscriminatory prices, terms, and conditions of interconnection;
- (6) encourage competition by facilitating the sale of essential telecommunications facilities and services on a reasonably unbundled basis;
- (7) seek to prevent prices for tariffed public telecommunications services or price-regulated services from subsidizing the competitive activities of regulated telecommunications corporations;
- (8) encourage new technologies and modify regulatory policy to allow greater competition in the telecommunications industry;
- (9) enhance the general welfare and encourage the growth of the economy of the state through increased competition in the telecommunications industry; and
- (10) endeavor to protect customers who do not have competitive choice.

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