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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1053

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1053

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date: January 8, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	3.8-14.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mickie Schmidt</i>			

Minutes:

(TAPE 1: SIDE B)

REP. GEORGE KEISER: We will open the hearing on HB 1053.

TIM DAWSON: L.C.: This bill extends the life of the Regulatory Reform Review Commission between 2003-2005.

REP. GEORGE KEISER: What happens if we don't have a RRR Commission?

TIM DAWSON: L.C.: This was discussed if they should continue or not. The reason for continuing is telecommunications is a very detailed area of law with lots of jargon and they thought that having members of the Legislative Assembly that understood that jargon, especially when new issues arose.

REP. GLEN FROSETH: I wasn't aware that this "sunset" every two years? How long has this been going on?

TIM DAWSON: L.C.: It has been "sunset" 3 times, this being the fourth.

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REP. MARY EKSTROM: How often do they meet?

TIM DAWSON; L.C.: 3 times in interim.

REP. DALE SEVERSON: Wasn't there an issue that prompted them to meet?

TIM DAWSON; L.C.: The chairman sent out letters to all interested parties and asked if there were issues that they wanted discussed. When the letters came back, we looked at what the PSC wanted in the previous bill and we looked at universal service. Before that the Commission was established to review the deregulation of telecommunications in the state which began in 1989.

REP. DALE SEVERSON: The Quest authority to go into long distance, is that part of the reason they want to continue?

TIM DAWSON; L.C.: No, it would be purely that universal service.

REP. MATTHEW KLEIN: With the changes, it wouldn't hurt to have someone accountable for it.

(9.2) TONY CLARK; STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER: Testified in support of HB 1053. (see attached)

MEL KAMBEITZ; QUEST CORPORATION: Testified in support of HB 1053. I think it's valuable to bring information from the industry to Legislatures, so you have a source of information for your own purpose.

REP. DALE SEVERSON: Should we be looking at rather than just "sunsetting" this, making it a Standing Interim committee?

REP. JIM KASPER: Does this committee have any authority? Or is it simply a committee that hears testimony and shares ideas and thoughts?

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(11.2) TIM DAWSON: L.C.: They are basically an Interim committee, except they can meet after the Legislative Assembly, so they have that additional authority.

(11.6) REP. DALE SEVERSON: Is this a worth while committee and are there enough problems that come up that we should be looking at making it a Standing committee or interface it with another Interim committee?

TIM DAWSON: L.C.: The issue is, can these ideas be dealt with by the Information Technology committee or if the issue pops up as the Legislative council chairman can do within his authority, is appoint that issue to a different committee.

REP. GLEN FROSETH: Does this committee take a look at legislation and move any legislation forward from their committee?

TIM DAWSON: L.C.: We had those two bills this time that we brought forward. I don't think we brought any bills forward last time.

REP. GEORGE KEISER: Any one here in opposition? Hearing none, I will close this hearing on HB 1053. Would the committee like to consider this bill at this time?

We will hold it over for discussion.

(14.0) V/e will close the IBL committee for today.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1053

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-13-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		1,512-2020
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Minutes: **CHAIR KEISER:** Called for action on HB 1053

REP. FROSETH: Recommended "Do Not Pass." Seconded by Rep. Severson. Motion passes to recommend "Do Not Pass."

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
12/16/2002

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1053

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$8,146			
Appropriations			\$8,146			

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill continues the Regulatory Reform Review Commission for the 2003-04 interim.

3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

The amounts shown are for per diem and travel expenses for legislative members of the Regulatory Reform Review Commission.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The amounts shown are for per diem and travel expenses for legislative members of the Regulatory Reform Review Commission. These amounts are included in the 2003-05 executive budget.

Name:	Jim W. Smith	Agency:	Legislative Council
Phone Number:	328-2916	Date Prepared:	12/26/2002

Date: ~~1/10/03~~ 1/13/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1053

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By Froseth Seconded By Severson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Rep. Boe	✓	
Rep. Severson, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Ekstrom	✓	
Rep. Dosch	✓		Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Froseth	✓		Rep. Zaiser		
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Kasper	✓				
Rep. Klein	✓				
Rep. Nottlestad	✓				
Rep. Ruby	✓				
Rep. Tieman	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Froseth

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 13, 2003 1:44 p.m.

Module No: HR-05-0499
Carrier: Froseth
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1053: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Kelsor, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1053 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

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H.B. 1053

Presented by: Tony Clark, Public Service Commissioner
Before: House Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Honorable George Keiser, Chairman
Date: January 8, 2003

TESTIMONY

Chairman Keiser and members of the House IBL Committee. Good morning, my name is Tony Clark, I am a state PSC Commissioner, and am the holder of the Commission's telecommunication portfolio. The bill before you is a product of the Regulatory Reform Review Commission, a statutory committee of which I am a member along with four state legislators.

The testimony I am presenting is on behalf of the PSC and is essentially neutral on the bill before you. The bill, as proposed by the RRRC, simply extends the life of the RRRC, which has been sunsetted in law.

The PSC believes the RRRC has served a useful purpose in the past and has valued the working relationship it has afforded us with members of the legislature.

The telecommunications industry is one of the more complex ones the legislature deals with, and for that reason, the legislature may find it helpful to have a group of legislators that develop an expertise in the field. For that reason, and because the telecommunications industry can change with little notice (especially if the FCC issues an order during an interim) you may decide the RRRC is a worthwhile investment for Legislative Council.

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If however, the legislature chooses to handle telecom matters differently, perhaps as part of some other interim committee, we certainly are understanding of that. We believe the interim process can work either way, and are committed to working with all of you regardless. It really comes down to whether the legislature and the industry believe this commission still serves a compelling need that is beyond what should be in a traditional interim committee.

Mr. Chairman, that ends my testimony, I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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