Wyoming telecommunications act revisions.

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	\$0	\$532,000	\$532,000

Source of revenue increase:

Universal Service Fund (USF) charge on the retail sales of prepaid wireless communication access, beginning July 1, 2026 (FY 2027).

Assumptions:

According to the Public Service Commission, the USF rate would be 1.90 percent, upon the sales of prepaid wireless communication access.

The Department of Revenue already administers a 911 emergency tax of 1.5 percent on the same sales of prepaid wireless communication access per W.S. 16-9-109. This tax is primarily collected and reported by retail outlets and convenience stores. Based on FY 2024 sales of approximately \$28.0 million, the revenue increase to the Universal Service Fund is estimated at \$532,000 per year (\$28.0 million in Wyoming prepaid wireless sales x 1.90 percent = \$532,000).

This bill also extends the sunset date of the Wyoming Telecommunications Act to July 1, 2031. Under current law, The Wyoming Telecommunications Act is repealed July 1, 2025.

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