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Use of this form is optional. It is often helpful to talk directly with the LRB attorney who will draft the bill.  
Use this form only for **BILL** drafts. Attach more pages if necessary.

Date of request: 17 SEPT, 2001	Legislator or agency requesting this draft: REP. HOVEN
Name/phone number of person submitting request: REP. HOVEN - 267-2370	
Persons to contact for questions about this draft (names and phone numbers please): MIKE WELSH 267-2370	
Describe the problem, including any helpful examples. How do you want to solve the problem? PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT.	
If you know of any statute sections that might be affected, please list them or provide a marked (not re-typed) copy.	

Please attach a copy of any correspondence or material that may help us. You may also attach a marked (not re-typed) copy of any LRB draft, or provide its number (e.g., 1997 LRB-2345/1 or 1995 AB-67):

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May we tell others that we are working on this for you?  YES  NO

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Do you consider this urgent?  YES  NO If yes, please indicate why:

WANT IT ON THE FLOOR IN OCTOBER

Is this request of higher priority than other pending request(s) you have made?

YES  NO If yes, please sign your name here:

*Tim Hansen*

Mark,

Please draft legislation that would do the following:

**Commencing with the 2002-03 fiscal year and thereafter, prohibit the collection of more than \$4 million annually through the PSC's assessments of telecommunications providers for contributions to the universal service fund.**

3. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND APPROPRIATION REDUCTION

Senate/Conference Committee: No change to Joint Finance.

Assembly: Delete base level funding of \$1,923,000 SEG annually from the amounts appropriated to the universal service fund for the following program activities: (a) -\$150,000 SEG annually for the Link-up America program, which requires telecommunications providers to waiver service connection charges when low-income consumers establish or move their telephone service; (b) -\$1,000,000 SEG annually for the Lifeline program, which makes a lower monthly rate available for telephone service for low-income subscribers; (c) -\$150,000 SEG annually for low-income outreach efforts, which funds collaborative partnerships between community-based organizations and telecommunications providers to increase participation in universal service fund programs by low-income subscribers; (d) -\$20,000 SEG annually to provide voice-mail services for the homeless; (e) -\$500,000 SEG annually for programs and projects by nonprofit groups to improve access to affordable telecommunications and information services; and (f) -\$103,000 SEG annually for the fund's administrative costs. Base level funding for the fund is \$6,900,000 SEG annually.

Under this modification, the following base level funding amounts would remain available in the universal service fund for each of the above programs: (a) \$300,000 SEG annually for Link-Up America; (b) \$750,000 SEG annually for Lifeline rates; (c) \$100,000 SEG for low-income outreach efforts; (d) \$0 SEG annually for voice-mail for the homeless services; (e) \$0 SEG annually for programs and projects by nonprofit groups to improve access to affordable services; and (f) \$147,000 SEG annually for fund administration.

4. CAPPING UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PSC PROGRAMS

Senate: No change to Joint Finance.

\* Assembly: Commencing with the <sup>2002-03</sup>~~2003-04~~ fiscal year and thereafter, prohibit the collection of more than \$4,000,000 annually through Commission assessments of telecommunications providers to support the provision of universal telecommunications services under the Commission's universal service fund appropriation. The current base level of funding in this appropriation is \$6,900,000 SEG annually.

Conference Committee: Modify Assembly provision by prohibiting the collection of more than \$5,000,000 in 2003-04 and \$6,000,000 in 2004-05 and each year thereafter through Commission assessments of telecommunication providers to support the provision of universal services under the Commission's universal service fund appropriation.

5. LISTING OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND SURCHARGES ON CUSTOMER BILLS

Senate/Conference Committee: No change to Joint Finance.



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**2001 BILL**

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: contributions required for the universal service fund.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, with certain exceptions, all telecommunications providers are required to contribute to the universal service fund (fund). Moneys in the fund are used for a variety of purposes, including the following: 1) promoting access to essential telecommunications services; 2) assisting the deployment of an advanced telecommunications infrastructure; 3) promoting access to information and library services to blind and visually handicapped individuals; 4) making grants to nonprofit medical clinics and public health agencies for telecommunications equipment; and 5) administering the fund.

Also under current law, the public service commission (PSC) must designate the method for calculating the amount that telecommunications providers must contribute to the fund. The method must ensure that the contributions are sufficient to generate the amount of funding required for all of the purposes for which moneys in the fund are used, including the purposes identified above. In fiscal year 2003-04, the contributions required for the purposes identified above may not exceed \$5,000,000. In fiscal year 2004-05 and thereafter, such contributions may not exceed \$6,000,000.

This bill changes the amount of contributions that are required for the purposes identified above. Under the bill, in fiscal year 2003-04 and thereafter, the amount of contributions for those purposes may not exceed \$4,000,000. The bill does not

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affect the contributions that are required for other purposes for which moneys in the fund are used.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. 196.218 (3) (a) 3. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin  
2 Act 16, is amended to read:

3           196.218 (3) (a) 3. a. The amount appropriated under s. 20.155 (1) (q), except  
4 that beginning in fiscal year 2003-04 the total amount of contributions in that fiscal  
5 year under this subd. 3. a. may not exceed \$5,000,000 and except that beginning in  
6 fiscal year 2004-05 the total amount of contributions in a fiscal year under this subd.  
7 3. a. may not exceed ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$4,000,000.

8 History: 2001 a. 16.

(END)



**Barman, Mike**

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**From:** Welsh, Michael

**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2001 4:14 PM

**To:** Barman, Mike

**Subject:** LRB-3885/1

Could you please have LRB 3885/1 jacketed?

10/15/2001

**Barman, Mike**

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**From:** Pirlot, R.J.  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2001 10:59 AM  
**To:** Barman, Mike  
**Cc:** Welsh, Michael; Uecker, Deborah  
**Subject:** fiscal estimate request

Mr. Barman,

Pursuant to Joint Rule 49(1), please secure the requisite fiscal estimates for ASSEMBLY BILL 575, relating to contributions required for the universal service fund.

*R.J. Pirlot*

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