

## WORK SESSION DOCUMENT

## Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Telecommunication Services in Nevada

(Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2 [File No. 10, *Statutes of Nevada 2003, 20<sup>th</sup> Special Session*])

This "Work Session Document" has been compiled by the staff of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Telecommunication Services in Nevada (Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2 [File No. 10, Statutes of Nevada 2003, 20<sup>th</sup> Special Session]). It is designed to assist the Subcommittee members in making decisions concerning recommendations to be forwarded to the 2005 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

The possible action listed in the document does not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Subcommittee. Rather, the possible action is compiled and organized so the members may review it to decide if it should be adopted, changed, rejected, or further considered.

Under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218.2429, interim committees conducting a study or investigation are limited to no more than five legislative measures (bill draft requests and requests for the drafting of resolutions). Finally, A.C.R. 2 specifies that any recommended legislation proposed by the Subcommittee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to the Subcommittee. The Legislative Commission shall then submit a final report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

## 1. Provide for specified information to be confidential for the purpose of creating reports for Legislative committees and studies.

In addition to any other method available to a Legislative committee or study for obtaining information, a Legislative committee or study may obtain information using the following statutory process.

• First, the Legislative committee or study may designate an outside consultant to receive information, including confidential information, and to create a report for the Legislative committee or study based upon that information.

- Second, a person providing information to this outside consultant may designate as confidential any of the information he provides to the outside consultant.
- Third, the outside consultant may include such confidential information in the report only if the confidential information is aggregated or otherwise combined with other information so the confidential information cannot be identified as the confidential information of the person who provided it. Pursuant to this statutory process, the outside consultant must not release the confidential information to the Legislative committee or study or to any other person except for the employees or staff of the outside consultant who are necessary to create the report. The report itself may be released to the Legislative committee or study, and the Legislative committee or study may release the report to the public.
- The outside consultant must destroy the confidential information by a date designated by the Legislative committee or study after the report is completed.
- Finally, all information designated as confidential pursuant to this process shall be deemed confidential for all purposes related to this statutory process. (Proposed by Chairman Parks)