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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 994

Introduced by Assembly Member Wright
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Strom-Martin)

February 25, 1999

An act relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 994, as amended, R. Wright. Rural telephone cooperatives.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission regulates public utilities.

This bill would require the commission to prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report on the feasibility of establishing rural telephone cooperatives *or other alternative service configurations to promote rural telephone service* in the state, as prescribed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. On or before January 1, 2002, the Public
2 Utilities Commission shall prepare and submit to the
3 Governor and the Legislature a report on the feasibility

1 of establishing rural telephone cooperatives *or other*
2 *alternative service configuration, or both, to promote*
3 *rural telephone service* in the state. The commission shall
4 include in the report ~~—recommendations~~ *all of the*
5 *following:*

6 (a) *Costs to California ratepayers,*
7 *telecommunications carriers, and cooperative members*
8 *of all feasible alternatives to rural telephone service.*

9 (b) *Sources of support for grants, loans, or federal*
10 *program moneys and how these sources are currently*
11 *funded.*

12 (c) *Recommendations concerning appropriate*
13 *legislation.*

