

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1500

Introduced by Assembly Member Wesson

February 26, 1999

An act relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1500, as introduced, Wesson. Cellular telephones.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission regulates telephone corporations.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations concerning the obligation of the Legislature to provide consumer protections with respect to cellular telephone service.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and
2 declares all of the following:

3 (a) Cellular telephone use in California is becoming
4 universal, and it is the responsibility of the Legislature to
5 ensure that consumers are provided with reliable services
6 and are protected from unfair business practices.

7 (b) The cellular telephone industry provides
8 increasingly valuable services and contributes to the
9 growth and stability of California's economy by creating
10 jobs.

1 (c) In other competitive industries, there are, at a
2 minimum, some legislative and regulatory consumer
3 protections, and it is the obligation of the Legislature to
4 provide similar protections with respect to cellular
5 telephone service.

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