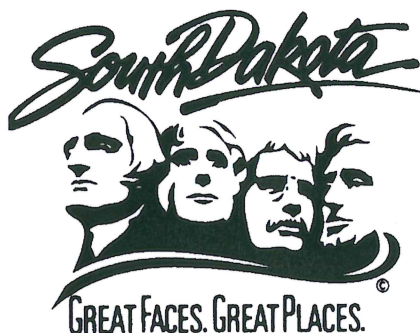


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January 20, 2015

Janson Hancock, Director  
Legislative Research Council  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Director Hancock,

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 49-31-53, the Department of Human Services is required to report annually to the South Dakota State Legislature on the status of the access fee charged to telephones, pagers, and cell phones in the State. I am hereby submitting the recommendation that the current \$.15 access fee is sufficient to continue the Telecommunications Relay Services Program and Captioned Telephone Relay Services, and I recommend that the fee stay the same. This recommendation is based on the following information: the number of lines and units that have been established and are assessed the access fee (Attachment 1), the number of minutes being utilized by the relay service in South Dakota (Attachment 2), and the revenues based on the State's Accounting System for deposit into the Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf (Attachment 3). The fund balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$3,504,260.20.

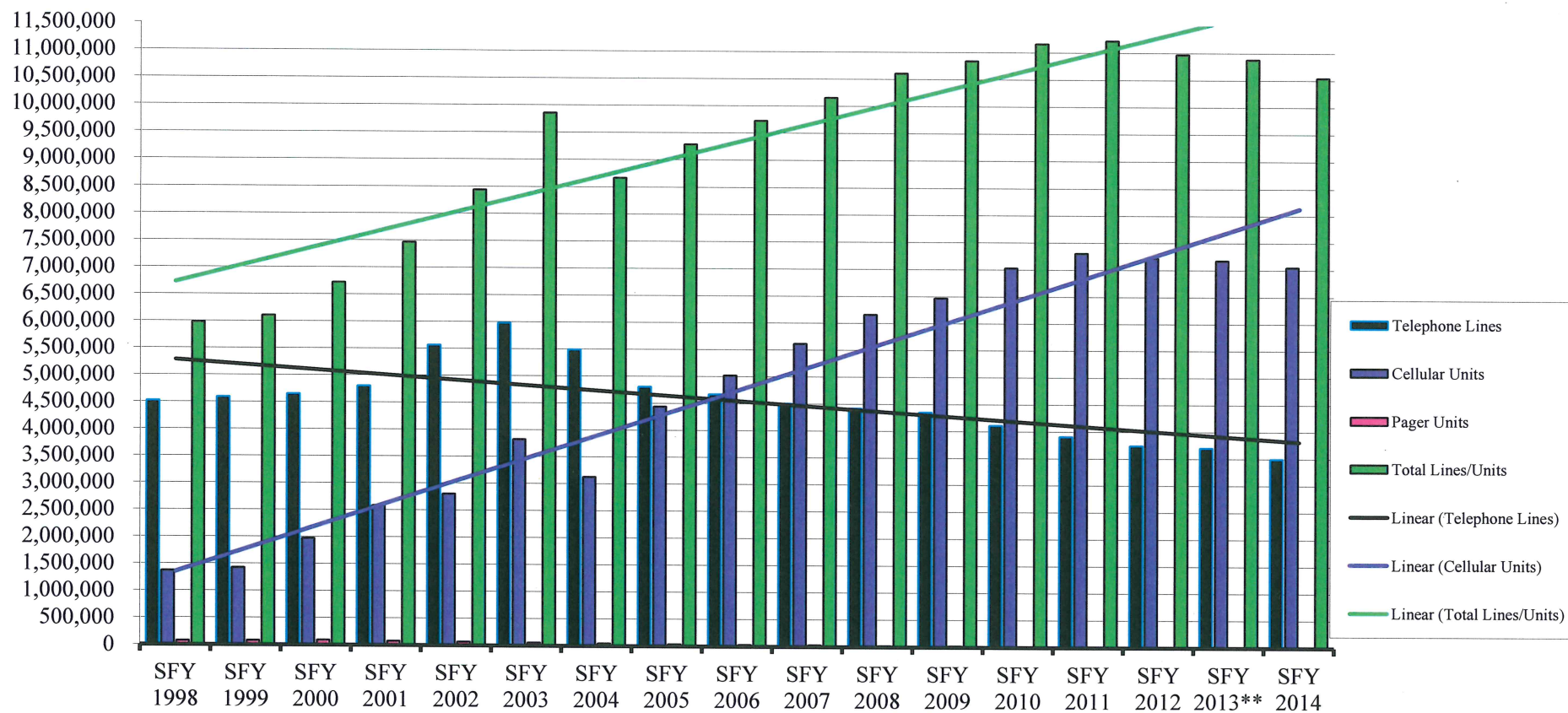
I request that you, as Director of the Legislative Research Council, pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session.

If you have further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gloria Pearson  
Cabinet Secretary  
Department of Human Services

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Cumulative Number of Lines/Units per Annual Period, by Category Type (Attachment 1)**



# SOUTH DAKOTA TRS MINUTES (Attachment 2)

## SFY12 - SFY14

<b>TRS SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012</b>			<b>CapTel SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012</b>		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	16,712		Jun	17,885	
Jul	15,767		Jul	16,731	
Aug	17,325		Aug	18,212	
Sep	17,534		Sep	17,151	
Oct	14,885		Oct	17,948	
Nov	16,489		Nov	18,579	
Dec	17,198		Dec	19,252	
Jan	15,422		Jan	19,516	
Feb	14,804		Feb	17,392	
Mar	15,343		Mar	16,189	
Apr	14,391		Apr	16,923	
May	14,158		May	16,755	
	<b>190,027</b>			<b>212,533</b>	
<b>TRS SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013</b>			<b>CapTel SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013</b>		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	11,217		Jun	18,339	
Jul	13,576		Jul	20,165	
Aug	12,543		Aug	20,429	
Sep	10,196		Sep	19,408	
Oct	10,816		Oct	18,264	
Nov	12,270		Nov	17,204	
Dec	11,796		Dec	19,765	
Jan	11,145		Jan	20,488	
Feb	10,338		Feb	18,238	
Mar	10,858		Mar	18,284	
Apr	10,830		Apr	19,396	
May	9,691		May	17,806	
	<b>135,276</b>			<b>227,786</b>	
<b>TRS SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014</b>			<b>CapTel SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014</b>		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	9,426		Jun	16,204	
Jul	9,507		Jul	16,230	
Aug	8,678		Aug	17,501	
Sep	9,716		Sep	16,456	
Oct	10,293		Oct	16,104	
Nov	8,838		Nov	16,895	
Dec	8,712		Dec	18,589	
Jan	9,517		Jan	17,376	
Feb	8,285		Feb	17,807	
Mar	8,223		Mar	19,350	
Apr	7,093		Apr	18,649	
May	8,821		May	18,916	
	<b>107,108</b>			<b>210,076</b>	

**SD Department of Human Services  
Telecommunication Relay Services  
Revenues based on State's Accounting System (Attachment 3)**

