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Janson Hancock, Director
Legislative Research Council
State Capitol
500 East Capitol Avenue
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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.

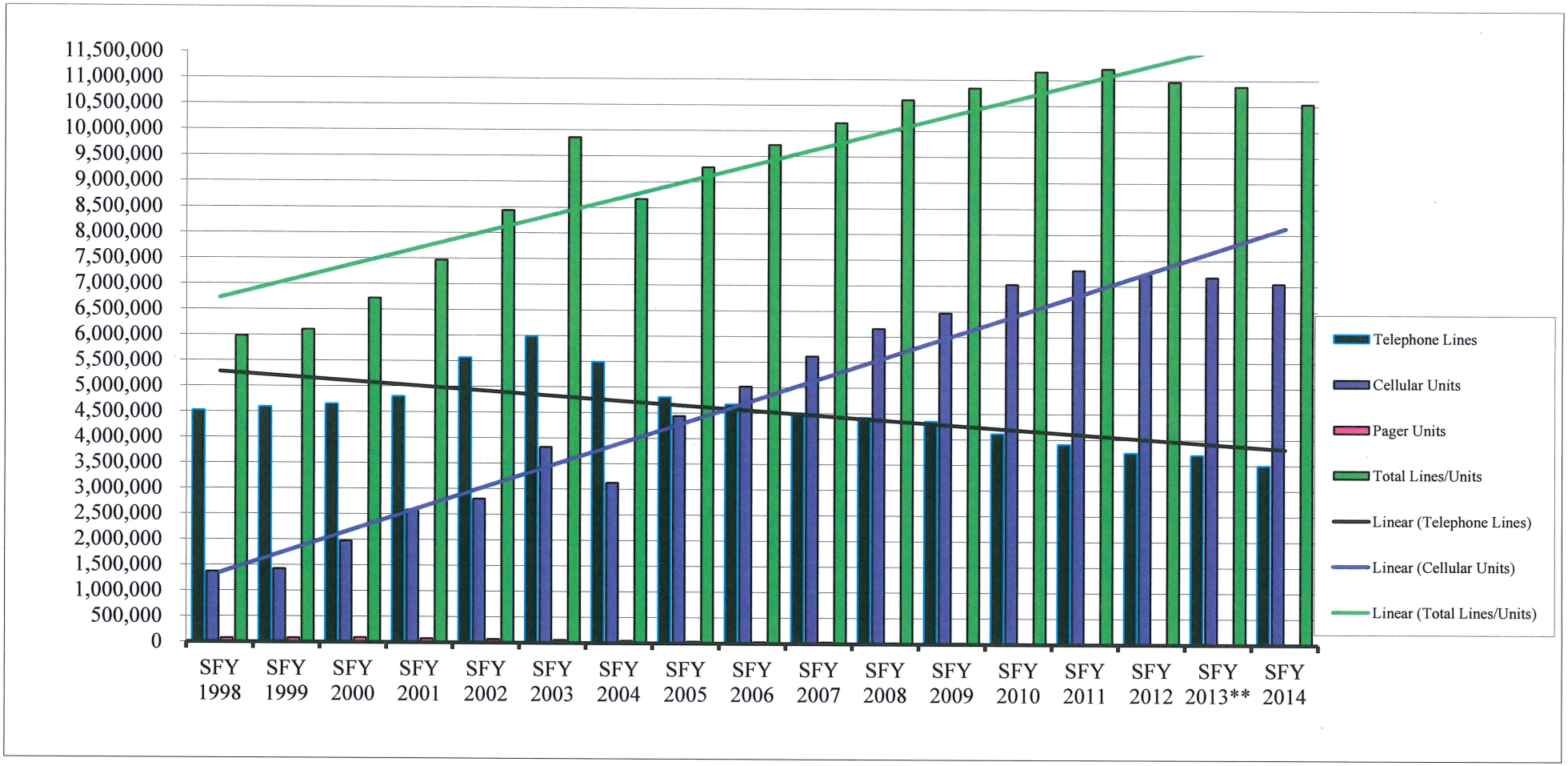
I request that you, as Director of the Legislative Research Council, pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session.

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

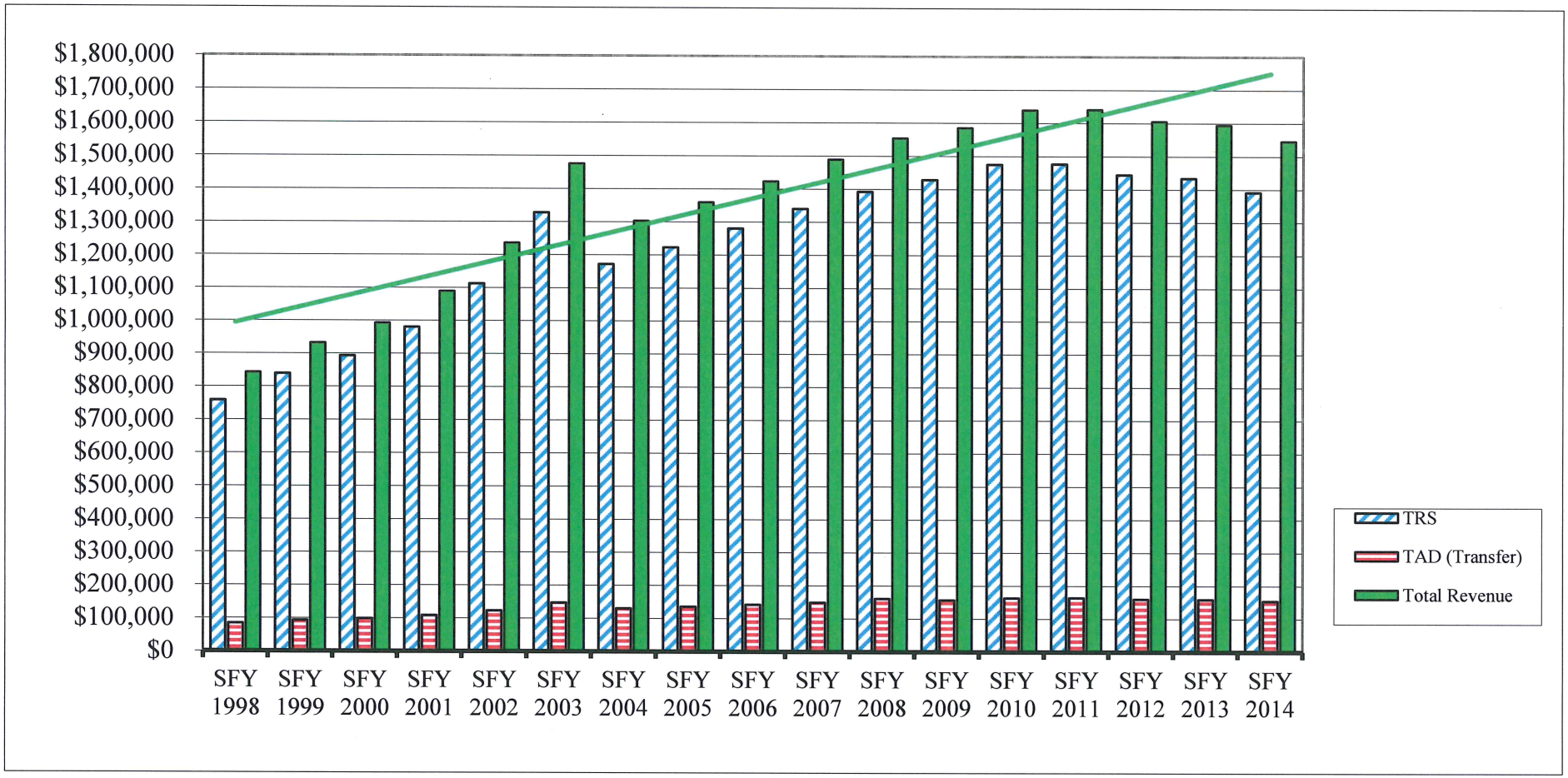
TRS SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012	
Month	Minutes
Jun	16,712
Jul	15,767
Aug	17,325
Sep	17,534
Oct	14,885
Nov	16,489
Dec	17,198
Jan	15,422
Feb	14,804
Mar	15,343
Apr	14,391
May	14,158
	190,027

CapTel SFY12: 06/01/2011 - 5/31/2012	
Month	Minutes
Jun	17,885
Jul	16,731
Aug	18,212
Sep	17,151
Oct	17,948
Nov	18,579
Dec	19,252
Jan	19,516
Feb	17,392
Mar	16,189
Apr	16,923
May	16,755
	212,533

TRS SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013	
Month	Minutes
Jun	11,217
Jul	13,576
Aug	12,543
Sep	10,196
Oct	10,816
Nov	12,270
Dec	11,796
Jan	11,145
Feb	10,338
Mar	10,858
Apr	10,830
May	9,691
	135,276

CapTel SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013	
Month	Minutes
Jun	18,339
Jul	20,165
Aug	20,429
Sep	19,408
Oct	18,264
Nov	17,204
Dec	19,765
Jan	20,488
Feb	18,238
Mar	18,284
Apr	19,396
May	17,806
	227,786

TRS SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014	
Month	Minutes
Jun	9,426
Jul	9,507
Aug	8,678
Sep	9,716
Oct	10,293
Nov	8,838
Dec	8,712
Jan	9,517
Feb	8,285
Mar	8,223
Apr	7,093
May	8,821
	107,108

CapTel SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014	
Month	Minutes
Jun	16,204
Jul	16,230
Aug	17,501
Sep	16,456
Oct	16,104
Nov	16,895
Dec	18,589
Jan	17,376
Feb	17,807
Mar	19,350
Apr	18,649
May	18,916
	210,076

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