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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:

1. Number of lines and units that have been established and are assessed the access fee (Attachment 1),
2. Number of minutes being utilized by the relay service in South Dakota (Attachment 2), and
3. Revenues based on the State's Accounting System for deposit into the Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf (Attachment 3).

The fund balance at the close of SFY15 was \$3,471,233.92

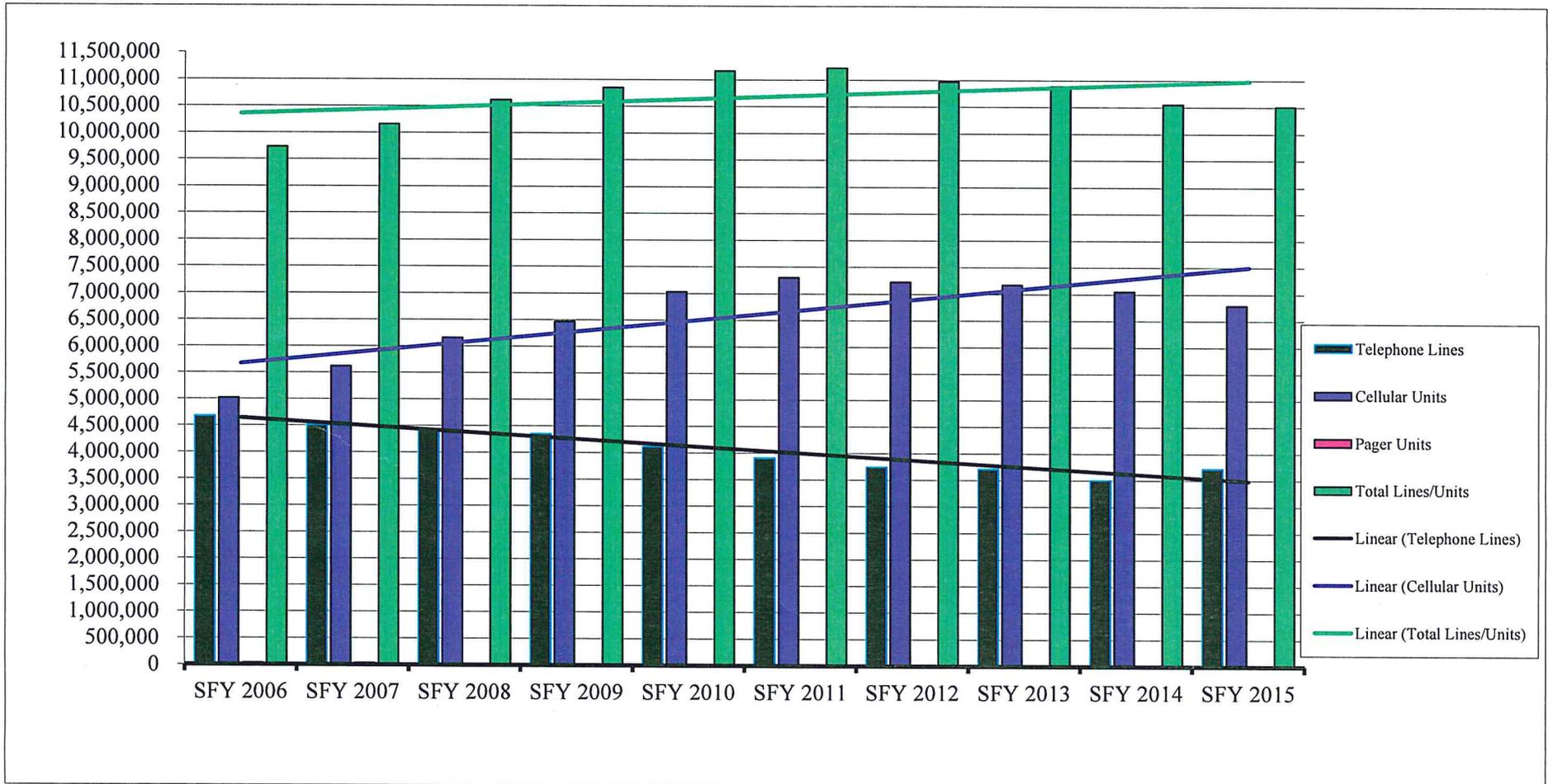
I request that you, as Director of the Legislative Research Council, pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session. If you have further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gloria Pearson".

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)
SFY13 - SFY15

TRS SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013			CapTel SFY13: 06/01/2012 - 5/31/2013		
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	
	135,276			227,786	
TRS SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014			CapTel SFY14: 06/01/2013 - 5/31/2014		
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	
	107,108			210,076	
TRS SFY15: 06/01/2014 - 5/31/2015			CapTel SFY15: 06/01/2014 - 5/31/2015		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	9,005		Jun	17,517	
Jul	8,795		Jul	16,891	
Aug	7,098		Aug	15,675	
Sep	10,389		Sep	14,644	
Oct	8,888		Oct	14,366	
Nov	6,841		Nov	16,044	
Dec	6,653		Dec	16,729	
Jan	7,374		Jan	16,460	
Feb	6,622		Feb	14,611	
Mar	7,447		Mar	16,707	
Apr	6,995		Apr	14,613	
May	5,396		May	13,114	
	91,501			187,370	

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

