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Reed Holwegner, Director
Legislative Research Council
State Capitol
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Dear Director Holwegner,

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 landline phones 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 SFY20 was \$2,529,480.79.

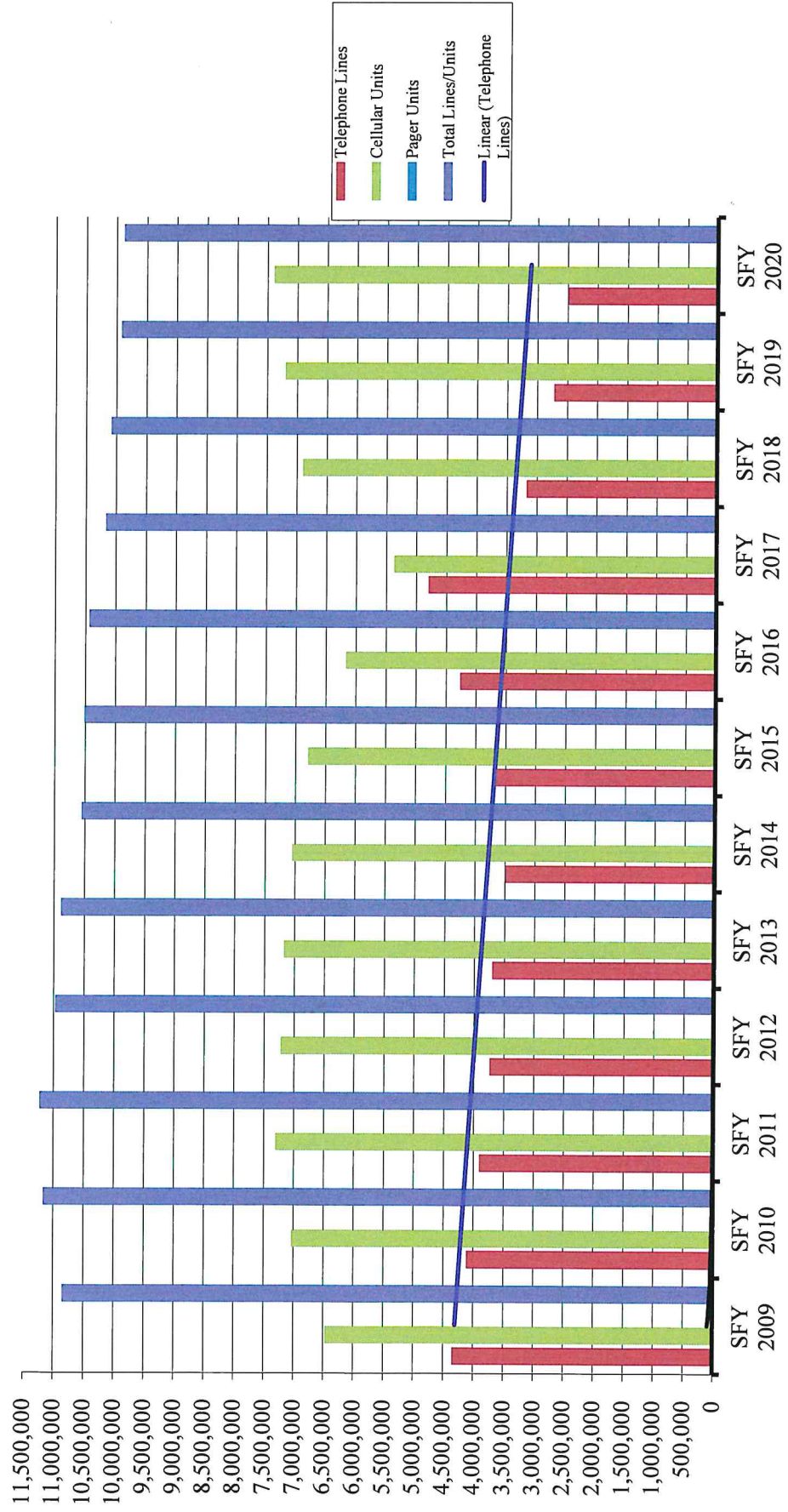
I request that you, as Director of the Legislative Research Council, pass this information along to the appropriate Legislators or Committees during this Legislative Session. If you have further questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawnie Rechtenbaugh".

Shawnie Rechtenbaugh/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 TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY MINUTES
Contract Years 2017 - 2020
(Attachment 2)

TRS CY 2017 : 06/01/2016 - 5/31/2017			CapTel CY 2017 : 06/01/2016 - 5/31/2017		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	4,247		Jun	13,760	
Jul	5,335		Jul	12,613	
Aug	4,418		Aug	13,090	
Sep	3,218		Sep	12,614	
Oct	3,249		Oct	12,893	
Nov	3,520		Nov	13,890	
Dec	3,366		Dec	16,001	
Jan	3,938		Jan	15,299	
Feb	3,239		Feb	12,589	
Mar	3,362		Mar	14,539	
Apr	2,580		Apr	11,864	
May	3,757		May	12,545	
Total	44,229		Total	161,697	
TRS CY 2018 : 06/01/2017 - 5/31/2018			CapTel CY 2018 : 06/01/2017 - 5/31/2018		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	2,805		Jun	11,370	
Jul	3,730		Jul	10,894	
Aug	2,703		Aug	10,020	
Sep	2,930		Sep	9,708	
Oct	1,613		Oct	9,806	
Nov	1,883		Nov	10,348	
Dec	1,585		Dec	10,397	
Jan	2,227		Jan	10,020	
Feb	1,743		Feb	8,915	
Mar	1,709		Mar	9,588	
Apr	1,548		Apr	8,866	
May	1,067		May	8,776	
Total	25,543		Total	118,707	
TRS CY 2019 : 06/01/2018 - 5/31/2019			CapTel CY 2019 : 06/01/2018 - 5/31/2019		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	994		Jun	7,636	
Jul	1,047		Jul	7,678	
Aug	818		Aug	7,914	
Sep	984		Sep	7,004	
Oct	1,223		Oct	8,023	
Nov	1,045		Nov	8,495	
Dec	1,011		Dec	9,480	
Jan	946		Jan	7,997	
Feb	157		Feb	8,070	
Mar	963		Mar	9,344	
Apr	944		Apr	9,480	
May	1,010		May	7,922	
Total	11,142		Total	99,043	
TRS CY 2020 : 06/01/2019 - 5/31/2020			CapTel CY 2020 : 06/01/2019 - 5/31/2020		
Month	Minutes		Month	Minutes	
Jun	849		Jun	7,633	
Jul	996		Jul	7,592	
Aug	782		Aug	6,752	
Sep	1,003		Sep	6,927	
Oct	893		Oct	7,080	
Nov	581		Nov	6,762	
Dec	796		Dec	7,095	
Jan	750		Jan	6,186	
Feb	492		Feb	5,274	
Mar	1,202		Mar	7,680	
Apr	1,261		Apr	8,091	
May	1,173		May	7,729	
Total	10,778		Total	84,801	

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

