



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** July 9, 2024

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Ratification of a Letter of Opposition for Assembly Bill 2797 (McKinnor) - Telephone Corporations: Carriers of Last Resort

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Ratify letter of opposition for Assembly Bill 2797 (McKinnor) - Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Ratified letter of opposition for AT&T application, Relief of Carrier of Lat Resort (COLR) Obligation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on February 27, 2024.

**Summary of Request:**

This bill would commence a process, with no oversight, to no longer require any telephone corporation to be a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) in a specified manner, and discontinue legacy voice service. A telecommunications service provider designated as a COLR has an obligation to provide basic telephone service, commonly landline plain old telephone service (POTS), to any customer in its service territory to ensure universal access to safe, reliable, and affordable telephone service. AB 2797 requires telephone corporations to identify, as part of the relief notice, (1) a census block of the telephone corporation's service territory where there is no population or where the company has no basic exchange telephone service customers, or (2) a census block designated as urban where 2 or more different service providers offer alternative voice services, as defined, to customers, or both. Alternative technologies have no equivalent consumer protections, such as minimum service quality standards or reliable access to 9-1-1.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not ratify letter of opposition and support.

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Prepared and Resilient County

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** [Bill Text - AB-2797 Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort: tariffs. <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB2797>](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB2797)

**Fiscal Details:**

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): N/A

revenue agreement: N/A

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Approved**

Date: July 9, 2024

