

**House File 2590 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 709)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the Iowa communications network, and including  
2 effective date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 8D.11, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended  
2 by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. Section 8D.11, subsection 5, Code 2026, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 5. Pursuant to an agreement between the commission and an  
6 authorized user, the commission may provide billing services  
7 on behalf of the authorized user and charge another entity  
8 that receives services from the authorized user pursuant to the  
9 network if ~~all of the following conditions are satisfied:~~

10 a. ~~The~~ the services provided by the authorized user to the  
11 other entity ~~must be~~ are consistent with the mission of the  
12 authorized user.

13 b. ~~The services provided by the authorized user to the other~~  
14 ~~entity must be consistent with the requirements and limitations~~  
15 ~~in subsection 2.~~

16 Sec. 3. SALE OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. The department  
17 of management shall implement a solicitation process, which  
18 may include direct solicitation of bids, to sell the Iowa  
19 communications network. The solicitation must provide for the  
20 sale to be concluded as soon as feasible. The department  
21 may utilize a sole source approach to contract for necessary  
22 vendor services to facilitate the transaction, including but not  
23 limited to brokerage services, financial accounting services,  
24 and outside counsel. The department shall condition the sale  
25 of the Iowa communications network on terms that will allow  
26 existing contracted services by authorized users of the network  
27 to continue on commercially reasonable terms for a period of  
28 at least ten years. The department shall submit periodic  
29 status reports to the legislative services agency at three-month  
30 intervals, beginning October 1, 2026, regarding progress made  
31 toward selling the network. At least ten days before completing  
32 the sale, the director of the department shall submit a report  
33 to the legislative services agency outlining the proposed sale.  
34 Proceeds from the sale of the Iowa communications network shall  
35 be deposited in the general fund of the state.

