

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, commercial video programming services from cable television,
2 satellite television, and Internet protocol television are currently the dominant providers of
3 video programming services; and

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5 **Whereas**, commercial video programming services and sources of those
6 services are of importance to Missouri citizens and the political subdivisions of this state; and

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8 **Whereas**, attempts across the nation to expand consumer choices of those video
9 services have met with both success and failure in the effort to create competitive markets
10 and make available new services and consumer choices; and

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12 **Whereas**, this state and its political subdivisions have imposed taxes, fees, and
13 other assessments on various video services which vary widely based on locality and due to
14 increasingly related and competitive services from cable television, satellite television, and
15 Internet protocol television providers; and

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17 **Whereas**, ensuring adequate and affordable video programming services and
18 sources of those services necessitate a fair and equitable tax structure across different video
19 services and regions of the state; and

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21 **Whereas**, whether governmental entities should limit in any way video
22 programming services or expend public resources to compete with private commercial video
23 entities should be explored:

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25 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
26 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
27 concurring therein, hereby create a Joint Interim Committee on Commercial Video
28 Programming Services to be comprised on five members of the House of Representatives,
29 appointed by the Speaker of the House and minority leader of the House, and five members
30 of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and minority floor leader of
31 the Senate, and such committee is authorized to function during the Second Regular Session
32 and the legislative interim of the Ninety-third General Assembly; and

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34 **Be it further resolved** that the committee shall examine and study
35 relevant issues pertaining to commercial video programming services and make appropriate
36 recommendations, including but not limited to, recommendations on financial, legal,
37 taxation, technological, competitive, regulatory, and economic issues of cable television,
38 satellite television, and Internet protocol television services; and

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40 **Be it further resolved** that the committee shall prepare a final report,
41 together with its recommendations for any legislative action deemed necessary for
42 submission to the General Assembly prior to commencement of the First Regular Session of
43 the Ninety-fourth General Assembly; and

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45 **Be it further resolved** that the committee may solicit input and
46 information necessary to fulfill its obligations, including but not limited to soliciting input
47 and information from the Public Service Commission, the Department of Economic
48 Development, political subdivisions of this state, commercial video service providers,
49 including cable television, satellite television, and telecommunications companies, and
50 consumers of this state; and

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52 **Be it further resolved** that the staffs of House Research, the Joint
53 Committee on Legislative Research, and Senate Research shall provide such legal, research,
54 clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance
55 of its duties; and

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57 **Be it further resolved** that the actual and necessary expenses of the
58 committee, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee incurred by the committee
59 shall be paid by the Joint Contingent Fund.