HOUSE BILL No. 2255

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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AN ACT concerning economic development; investment in telecommunications machinery and equipment; promoting broadband across Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) For purchases made on or after July 1, 2013, all state sales tax paid on the purchase of telecommunications machinery and equipment pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3603, and amendments thereto, by a person providing services pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 79-3603, and amendments thereto, including the services listed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 79-3603, and amendments thereto, that are not included in telecommunications service pursuant to such provisions, shall be refunded as provided in this section.

- (b) Any claim for refund shall be submitted within three years from the date of payment of the tax. Each claim for a sales tax refund shall be verified and submitted to the director of taxation upon forms furnished by the director and shall be accompanied by any additional documentation required by the director. The director shall review each claim and shall refund the amount of sales tax paid as determined under the provisions of this section. All refunds shall be paid from the sales tax refund fund upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports pursuant to vouchers approved by the director or the director's designee. No interest shall be paid on refunds granted pursuant to this section. In no event shall any city or county sales tax paid on the sale of telecommunications machinery and equipment be refunded pursuant to this section.
- (c) On or before January 31, 2018, the department shall review and report to the speaker of the house, the senate president and the chairs of the house and senate commerce committees on the additional investment and related economic impact of this tax expenditure.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "telecommunications machinery and equipment" means machinery, equipment and network software that is capable of directly sending, receiving or storing voice or data communications or used to enable, facilitate, maintain or monitor a telecommunications network. "Telecommunications machinery and equipment" includes, but is not limited to: Antennas, amplifiers, wires, cable, fiber optic cable, rectifiers, duplexers, triplexers, multiplexers,

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receivers, repeaters, transmitters, power equipment, modems, routers, storage devices, closures, conduits, controllers, filters, input devices, insulators, microwave equipment, output devices, pedestals, power converters, radio channels, terminals, timing units, transformers, bridges, network computers, cross connects, plug-in circuitry, oscillators, network software, servers, power transport equipment, test equipment, connectors, attenuators, circuit switches, analog electronic switches, digital electronic switches and switches for operator assistance.

- (e) The secretary of revenue is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.