

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Kentucky state government agencies to
2 consider leasing state land for the location of cell phone towers and other communication
3 infrastructure in Kentucky.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky's topography varies from the mountains of eastern Kentucky
5 to the alluvial bottomland of western Kentucky, which creates challenges for building
6 infrastructure in certain parts of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, in 2015, Kentucky was
8 ranked the fifth-poorest state in the nation with a median household income of \$45,215
9 and an individual poverty rate of 18.5 percent; and

10 WHEREAS, state-of-the-art communication infrastructure is essential to the daily
11 lives of all Kentucky citizens and their local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Kentucky faces serious communication infrastructure issues due to its
13 multifarious topography and poor economic status;

14 NOW, THEREFORE,

15 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
16 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

17 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly urges Governor Matthew G. Bevin,
18 the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Transportation Cabinet, and the Tourism,
19 Arts and Heritage Cabinet to consider ways to improve communication infrastructure,
20 such as granting leasehold interests in state land for the location of cell phone towers and
21 other communication infrastructure in Kentucky.

22 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this
23 Resolution and notification of its adoption to Governor Matthew G. Bevin, the Secretary
24 of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet,
25 and the Secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.