

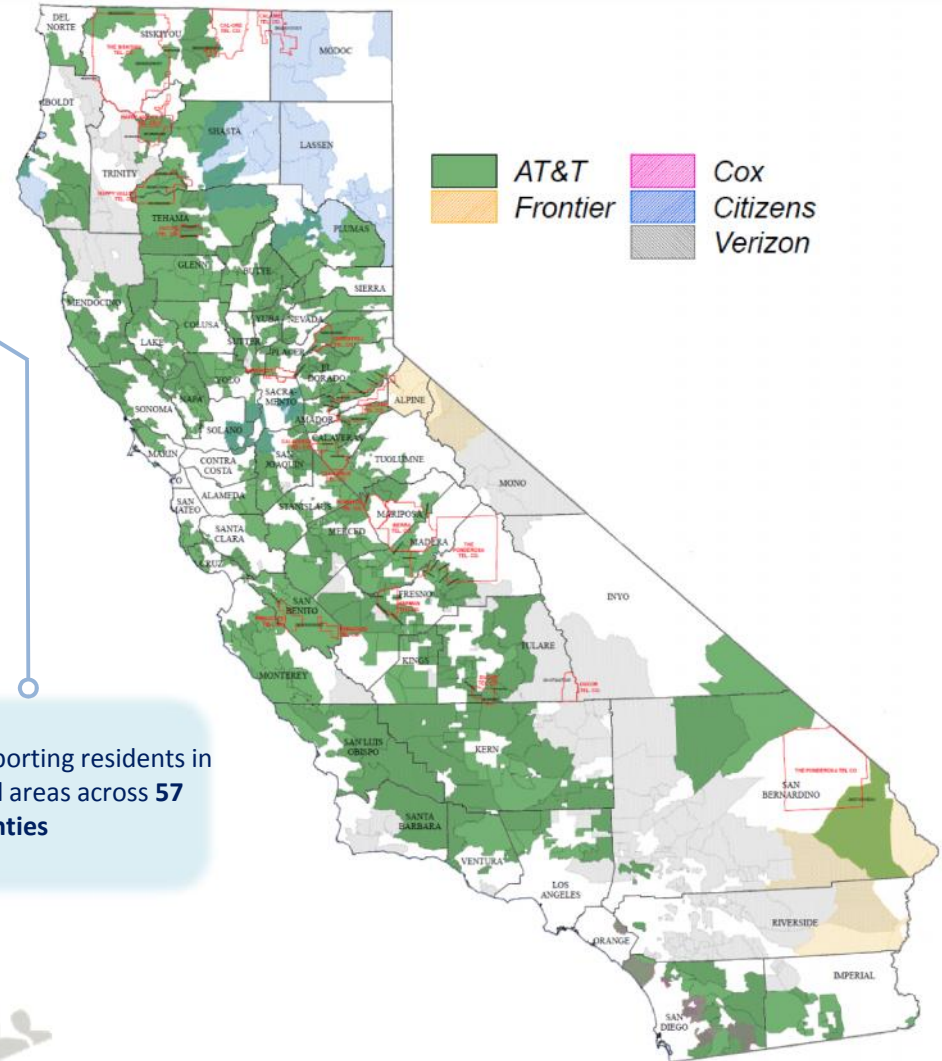
# California High Cost Fund B



Public Utilities Code Section 276.5 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to minimize telephone rate disparities between rural and metropolitan areas to keep rates affordable in areas with lower population density. This fund supports “carriers of last resort” to keep rates affordable in these “high cost” areas to enable residents to stay connected to essential services.

## Fiscal Year 2015-16 Program Budget - \$22.5 million

Company	Lines as of Dec. 31, 2014
AT&T	6,463,987
Verizon	1,653,770
Frontier / Citizens	118,336
Cox Communications	272,408



Supports **127,205** lines at an average of **\$10.68** per line or **\$128.16** per year



Supporting residents in rural areas across **57** counties

Supporting “high cost” areas where the cost of providing service is \$36 or more per telephone line

