

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 843, the second engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 16, after line 31, insert:

1.3 "Subd. 9. **Broadband Development** 8,000,000

1.4 \$8,000,000 the first year is from the general

1.5 fund for deposit in the border-to-border

1.6 broadband fund account created under

1.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.396,

1.8 for the purposes provided in Minnesota

1.9 Statutes, section 116J.395. This is a onetime

1.10 appropriation and is available until June 30,

1.11 2019."

1.12 Correct the subdivision and section totals and the appropriations by fund

1.13 Page 35, after line 2, insert:

1.14 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.394, is amended to read:

1.15 **116J.394 DEFINITIONS.**

1.16 (a) For the purposes of sections 116J.394 to 116J.396, the following terms have  
1.17 the meanings given them.

1.18 (b) "Broadband" or "broadband service" has the meaning given in section 116J.39,  
1.19 subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

1.20 (c) "Broadband infrastructure" means networks of deployed telecommunications  
1.21 equipment and technologies necessary to provide high-speed Internet access and other  
1.22 advanced telecommunications services for end users.

1.23 (d) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic  
1.24 development.

2.1 (e) "Last-mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure that serves as the  
2.2 final leg connecting the broadband service provider's network to the end-use customer's  
2.3 on-premises telecommunications equipment.

2.4 (f) "Middle-mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure that links a  
2.5 broadband service provider's core network infrastructure to last-mile infrastructure.

2.6 (g) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, town, school district, special  
2.7 district or other political subdivision, or public corporation.

2.8 (h) "Underserved areas" means areas of Minnesota in which households or businesses  
2.9 lack access to wire-line broadband service at speeds that meet the state broadband goals of  
2.10 ten to 20 megabits per second download and five to ten megabits per second upload.

2.11 (i) "Unserved areas" means areas of Minnesota in which households or businesses  
2.12 lack access to wire-line broadband service ~~at speeds that meet a Federal Communications~~  
2.13 ~~Commission threshold of four megabits per second download and one megabit per second~~  
2.14 ~~upload, as defined in section 116J.39.~~

2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.395, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.16 Subd. 6. **Awarding grants.** (a) In evaluating applications and awarding grants, the  
2.17 commissioner shall give priority to applications that are constructed in areas identified by  
2.18 the director of the Office of Broadband Development as unserved in need of broadband  
2.19 service to retain or create jobs, or to promote significant economic growth.

2.20 (b) In evaluating applications and awarding grants, the commissioner may give  
2.21 priority to applications that:

2.22 (1) are constructed in areas identified by the director of the Office of Broadband  
2.23 Development as underserved;

2.24 (2) offer new or substantially upgraded broadband service to important community  
2.25 institutions including, but not limited to, libraries, educational institutions, public safety  
2.26 facilities, and healthcare facilities;

2.27 (3) facilitate the use of telemedicine and electronic health records;

2.28 (4) serve economically distressed areas of the state, as measured by indices of  
2.29 unemployment, poverty, or population loss that are significantly greater than the statewide  
2.30 average;

2.31 (5) provide technical support and train residents, businesses, and institutions in the  
2.32 community served by the project to utilize broadband service;

2.33 (6) include a component to actively promote the adoption of the newly available  
2.34 broadband services in the community;

3.1 (7) provide evidence of strong support for the project from citizens, government,  
3.2 businesses, and institutions in the community;

3.3 (8) provide access to broadband service to a greater number of unserved or  
3.4 underserved households and businesses; or

3.5 (9) leverage greater amounts of funding for the project from other private and  
3.6 public sources.

3.7 (c) The commissioner shall endeavor to award grants under this section to qualified  
3.8 applicants in all regions of the state."

3.9 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.10 Amend the title accordingly