

HF4182 - 0 - Equal Access to Broadband Act

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact	X	

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

HF4182 modifies language and definitions relating to broadband; establishing the Equal Access to Broadband Act; modifying provisions governing broadband services and broadband infrastructure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 116J.39, subdivision 1; 116J.394; 116J.399, subdivisions 1, 8, by adding a subdivision; 237.162, subdivision 4; 237.163, subdivisions 2, 6, 7; 412.221, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 222.37, subdivision 1.

HF4182 would also allow for political subdivisions franchise or municipal authorization on furnishing broadband infrastructure.

Assumptions

At this time, it does not appear that HF4182 will have fiscal impacts the Office of Broadband’s Border to Border programs.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

HF4182 would keep the local governments right-of-way management preserved and allow for franchising or other municipal authorization. This could provide additional income for local governments to raise revenue, increase municipal costs and/or both. The fee may include but is not limited to a sum of money based on the gross operating revenues or gross earnings resulting from the provider’s operations to provide broadband within the political subdivision for the duration of time the provider continues to operate within the political subdivision.

References/Sources

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