

Subject Broadband
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Overview

As introduced, this bill is Governor Walz's supplemental broadband finance proposal.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Transfer.
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Grants the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) standing authority to transfer up to \$5 million of appropriated dollars each fiscal year between three programs administered by DEED's Office of Broadband Development – the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program, the Low-Density Population Broadband Development Program, and the Broadband Line Extension Connection Program. DEED could transfer money as needed to meet demand.

Effective date: This section would be effective the day following final enactment.

2	Broadband development; application for federal funding; appropriation.
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Requires DEED to apply to the federal government for State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Funding made available to the states in 2021's federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Appropriates any federal money received by the state via DEED's application to DEED for purposes of the agency's Minnesota Digital Opportunity Plan.