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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2662 by Ashby (relating to broadband development.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would redefine "broadband service" to align with federal standards. It would also classify areas of the state as either served, unserved, or underserved, and outline which grants may be used by each area.

The bill would allow the Broadband Development Office to award grants for projects relating to education, training, community outreach, remote learning, telehealth, equipment purchases, middle mile broadband projects, or deployment of last-mile service that is subject to a federal commitment if the federal funding is forfeited by the receiving entity.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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