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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 the administration of the broadband development office.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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, 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.

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