
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or county
2 ordinance to the contrary, from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2017,
3 any actions relating to the installation, improvement,
4 construction, upgrading, or development of new or existing
5 broadband facilities on state property shall be exempt from
6 county permitting requirements and state permitting and approval
7 requirements, including but not limited to the requirements of
8 chapters 171, 205A, and 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, except to
9 the extent that the permitting or approval is required by
10 federal law or is necessary to protect eligibility for federal
11 funding, services, or other assistance.

12 (b) An entity taking any action under subsection (a) shall
13 provide at least thirty days notice to the director of commerce
14 and consumer affairs by electronically posting the proposed
15 action on a website designated by the director; provided that
16 notice need not be given by a public utility or government
17 entity for an action relating to the installation, improvement,



1 construction, or development of broadband facilities where the
2 action taken is to provide access for state functions.

3 (c) For purposes of this section, "broadband facilities"
4 means infrastructure relating to broadband services or broadband
5 technology, including the interconnection of cables, towers,
6 antenna support structures, utility poles, and conduits.

7 SECTION 2. The director of commerce and consumer affairs
8 shall submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty
9 days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016 that
10 includes:

11 (1) Information on the number of permitting exemptions
12 granted pursuant to this Act; and

13 (2) Recommendations on whether to extend or modify the
14 exemptions provided by this Act, including any
15 proposed legislation.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112, and
17 shall be repealed on June 30, 2017.



Report Title:

Broadband; Permits

Description:

Exempts the upgrading and new construction of broadband facilities on state and county property from state and county permitting processes. Effective July 1, 2112. Sunsets on June 30, 2017. (HB2324 HD1)

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