
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that advanced broadband
2 services are essential in creating an infrastructure that can
3 support an innovative economy and a knowledgeable and
4 competitive society in the twenty-first century. Specifically,
5 high-speed broadband services at affordable prices are essential
6 for the advancement of education, health, public safety,
7 research and innovation, civic participation, e-government,
8 economic development and diversification, and public safety and
9 services.

10 The legislature further finds that supporting and
11 encouraging public-private partnerships are the most effective
12 vehicles for moving forward and completing the Hawai'i broadband
13 initiative. The collaborative efforts of the private sector and
14 the State, especially efforts focused on research and
15 development, are also the most effective way to address the
16 infrastructure needs of the State. Under the Hawai'i broadband
17 initiative, the State's contribution will be to provide the



1 secure cable landing sites while the private sector agencies and
 2 academic organizations will provide the development of a trans-
 3 Pacific cable. Further, the Hawai'i broadband initiative will
 4 benefit from executive branch support relating to regulatory
 5 processes and requirements, such as the design and preparation
 6 of environmental impact statements.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to build
 8 secure broadband cable landing sites, including necessary
 9 environmental impact statements, to support economic and social
 10 development and federal security interests.

11 SECTION 2. The director of finance is authorized to issue
 12 general obligation bonds in the sum of \$ or so much
 13 thereof as may be necessary and the same sum or so much thereof
 14 as may be necessary is appropriated for fiscal year 2015-2016
 15 for the establishment of secure cable landing sites and
 16 completion of any necessary environmental impact statements.

17 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
 18 business, economic development, and tourism and delegated
 19 through the high technology development corporation for the
 20 purposes of this section.



1 SECTION 3. The appropriation made for the capital
2 improvement project authorized by this Act shall not lapse at
3 the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is
4 made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation
5 unencumbered as of June 30, 2018, shall lapse as of that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Broadband; Public-private Partnership; Cable Landing Sites;
Appropriation

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the establishment of secure broadband cable landing sites and completion of any necessary environmental impact studies. (SD1)

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