
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding three new sections to part VII to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§27- Executive office on broadband development;
5 established; functions. (a) There is established an executive
6 office on broadband development in the office of the governor.

7 (b) There shall be a director of the executive office on
8 broadband development, hereinafter referred to as director. The
9 director shall be experienced in broadband development. The
10 governor shall appoint and may remove the director without
11 regard to chapter 76.

12 (c) The executive office on broadband development shall:

13 (1) Advocate for the adoption of public policies that
14 remove barriers to broadband infrastructure
15 deployment;



- 1 (2) Develop broadband investment and deployment strategies
2 for unserved and underserved geographic areas in the
3 State;
- 4 (3) Promote private sector, public sector, and cooperative
5 broadband solutions;
- 6 (4) Support and promote local and regional broadband
7 planning;
- 8 (5) Promote technology and service provider neutrality by
9 focusing on desired outcomes rather than specific
10 technological solutions;
- 11 (6) Pursue and leverage federal sources of broadband
12 funding to achieve state goals related to broadband;
- 13 (7) Manage and award funds allocated to the executive
14 office on broadband development for broadband
15 projects;
- 16 (8) Engage with stakeholders representing various
17 interests to facilitate communication and collect
18 information necessary to support a business case for
19 broadband investments; provided that stakeholders
20 shall include:
21 (A) Elected officials;



- 1 (B) Government officials;
- 2 (C) Healthcare providers;
- 3 (D) Educators;
- 4 (E) Leaders within the business community;
- 5 (F) Leaders within the agricultural community; and
- 6 (G) Broadband service providers;
- 7 (9) Promote digital literacy, equity, and inclusion;
- 8 (10) Generate public awareness of the value of broadband
- 9 technologies and applications;
- 10 (11) Promote adoption and utilization of broadband
- 11 technologies and applications;
- 12 (12) Develop, maintain, and provide public access to:
- 13 (A) A statewide broadband map as a platform for data
- 14 collection to track the availability of broadband
- 15 services and to measure progress; and
- 16 (B) Other information relating to broadband;
- 17 (13) Convene relevant state and federal agencies and advise
- 18 the governor, state agency leadership, and the State's
- 19 congressional delegation on actions to leverage state
- 20 government activities to meet state broadband goals;
- 21 and



1 (14) Support and coordinate efforts with the Hawaii
2 broadband advisory council.

3 §27- Hawaii broadband advisory council; established;

4 functions. (a) There is established the Hawaii broadband
5 advisory council, hereinafter referred to as council, within the
6 executive office on broadband development for administrative
7 purposes. The council shall be composed as follows:

8 (1) The governor shall appoint:

9 (A) One member to represent the city and county of
10 Honolulu;

11 (B) One member to represent the county of Hawaii;

12 (C) One member to represent the county of Kauai;

13 (D) One member to represent the county of Maui;

14 (E) Three members to represent telecommunications
15 service providers and internet service providers
16 in the State;

17 (F) One member to represent native Hawaiian
18 interests;

19 (G) One member to represent education;

20 (H) One member to represent economic development;

21 (I) One member to represent public safety;



- 1 (J) One member to represent health;
- 2 (K) One member to represent the office of enterprise
- 3 technology services;
- 4 (L) One member from the public utilities commission;
- 5 (M) One member to represent the department of
- 6 transportation; and
- 7 (N) One member to represent consumers and the public
- 8 at large;

9 (2) The speaker of the house of representatives shall
 10 appoint one nonvoting member who is a member of the
 11 house of representatives; and

12 (3) The president of the senate shall appoint one
 13 nonvoting member who is a member of the senate;
 14 provided that each member appointed by the governor shall be a
 15 voting member. The council shall select one voting member as
 16 chairperson.

17 (b) Each voting member of the council shall serve a term
 18 of four years, but shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.
 19 Before the term of a voting member expires, the governor shall
 20 appoint a successor for the voting member. Each voting member
 21 shall be eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for



1 any cause, the governor shall make an appointment that becomes
2 immediately effective for the unexpired term.

3 (c) Each nonvoting member of the council shall serve a
4 two-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment.

5 (d) The council shall meet at least once every three
6 months at a place, day, and hour determined by the council.

7 Official action by the council shall require approval by a
8 majority of the voting members of the council. The council may
9 recommend legislation, public policy, and solutions to address
10 the State's broadband needs and goals.

11 (e) The council shall promote statewide access to
12 broadband services and shall encourage:

13 (1) Coordination between existing organizations and
14 sectors that can leverage broadband to their
15 advantage;

16 (2) State agencies to encourage and facilitate broadband
17 deployment;

18 (3) The development of digital inclusion and education
19 programs to encourage broadband adoption and support
20 institutions that teach digital skills necessary to
21 succeed in the workplace;



- 1 (4) Efforts to provide cost-effective quality workforce
- 2 development training using telecommunications
- 3 infrastructure and facilities to access distance
- 4 learning opportunities;
- 5 (5) Schools, education service districts, and local
- 6 education agencies in unserved geographic areas to
- 7 promote broadband access for the surrounding
- 8 community;
- 9 (6) Public and private entities to seek opportunities for
- 10 partnership with educational institutions that will
- 11 support the use of broadband technologies through
- 12 community projects and public education;
- 13 (7) The use of broadband communications technologies for
- 14 telehealth; and
- 15 (8) Public and private organizations to work together in
- 16 partnership to promote the use of telecommunications
- 17 infrastructure and new technology.
- 18 (f) The council shall submit to the legislature an annual
- 19 report detailing:
- 20 (1) The activities of the council;



1 (2) The affordability and accessibility of broadband
 2 technology in all geographic areas of the State;
 3 (3) The extent of broadband technology use in the State in
 4 the business, health care, energy management,
 5 education, and government sectors; and
 6 (4) The role of broadband technology in local, state, and
 7 regional economies and economic development;
 8 provided that the annual report shall be submitted no later than
 9 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session of
 10 the legislature.

11 (g) Members of the Hawaii broadband advisory council shall
 12 serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses,
 13 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
 14 their duties.

15 **§27- Hawaii broadband advisory council special fund.**

16 (a) There is established a Hawaii broadband advisory council
 17 special fund into which shall be deposited the following moneys:

- 18 (1) Appropriations by the legislature to the Hawaii
 19 broadband advisory council special fund;
- 20 (2) Gifts, donations, and grants from public agencies and
 21 private persons; and



1 (3) All moneys directed to the Hawaii broadband advisory
 2 council special fund from any other source;
 3 provided that all interest accrued by the revenues of the fund
 4 shall become part of the fund.

5 (b) The executive office on broadband development may
 6 expend moneys from the fund for purposes of carrying out the
 7 duties of the Hawaii broadband advisory council."

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
 9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
 10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
 11 deposit into the Hawaii broadband advisory council special fund.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the executive
 13 office on broadband development for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii
 15 broadband advisory council special fund the sum of \$
 16 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021
 17 for purposes of carrying out the duties of the Hawaii broadband
 18 advisory council.

19 The sump appropriated shall be expended by the executive
 20 office or broadband development for purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.




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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020; and
2 shall be repealed on June 30, 2035.

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Description:

Establishes the Executive Office on Broadband Development within
the Office of the Governor. Establishes the Hawaii Broadband
Advisory Council. Establishes the Hawaii Broadband Advisory
Council special fund. Appropriates funds.

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