
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 equitable access to
2 high-speed broadband internet is a pressing challenge for the
3 State. The legislature also finds that there is a significant
4 amount of federal funding available to support state broadband
5 initiatives and that some of these programs require matching
6 funds from the State or other non-federal partners.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to appropriate
8 state general funds to match federal funds for state broadband
9 initiatives.

10 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$33,000,000 or so
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to
13 provide required matching funds for the broadband equity,
14 access, and deployment program; provided that the moneys
15 appropriated shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year for
16 which the appropriation is made; provided further that all



1 moneys from the appropriation unencumbered as of June 30, 2026,
2 shall lapse as of that date.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the funds received
6 by the State of Hawaii from the Infrastructure Investment and
7 Jobs Act the sum of \$95,000,000 or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the broadband equity,
9 access, and deployment program.

10 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
11 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
15 the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary
16 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to provide additional matching funds
17 required to access federal funds for programs related to
18 broadband; provided that the moneys appropriated shall not lapse
19 at the end of the fiscal year for which the appropriation is
20 made; provided further that all moneys from the appropriation
21 unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of budget and finance for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Report Title:

Department of Budget and Finance; Broadband Funds;
Appropriations

Description:

Appropriates general fund moneys that are required to match federal moneys for broadband programs. Appropriates moneys received by the State from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the broadband equity, access, and deployment program. (SD1)

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