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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 provide the



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

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

12 SECTION 2. 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 2015-2016 and
15 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
16 year 2016-2017 to establish seven secure broadband cable landing
17 sites - two on O'ahu and one each on Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i,
18 Lana'i, and Hawai'i, and for the performance of island-specific
19 environmental impact studies.



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1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
3 of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

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

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of business, economic development, and tourism to establish broadband cable landing sites and island-specific environmental impact studies.

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