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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY.

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

- 1           SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department  
2 of business, economic development, and tourism, for  
3 administrative purposes only, a broadband task force, which  
4 shall consist of the following members:
- 5           (1) The director of the department of business, economic  
6           development, and tourism, who shall also serve as the  
7           chair;
- 8           (2) The respective director of each county public,  
9           educational, or governmental access provider;
- 10          (3) The chief executive officer of the Public Broadcasting  
11          Service Hawaii;
- 12          (4) Four representatives representing each of the four  
13          national wireless providers; provided that two are  
14          appointed by the speaker of the house and two are  
15          appointed by the president of the senate;
- 16          (5) Two representatives representing each of the third  
17          party wireless infrastructure providers; provided that



- 1           one is appointed by the speaker of the house and one  
2           is appointed by the president of the senate,
- 3           (6) The respective directors of each of the two certified  
4           cable, internet, and phone service providers doing  
5           business in the State; provided that one is appointed  
6           by the speaker of the house and one is appointed by  
7           the president of the senate; provided further that the  
8           directors do not represent the same corporation, or  
9           the directors' designee;
- 10          (7) The director of an electric utility company, or the  
11          director's designee;
- 12          (8) The director of the department of commerce and  
13          consumer affairs, or the director's designee; and
- 14          (9) The chair of the public utilities commission, or the  
15          chair's designee.
- 16          (b) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the task  
17          force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
18          appointments.
- 19          (c) The vice chair of the task force shall be selected by  
20          the majority of the members of the task force.



1 (d) A simple majority shall constitute a quorum whose  
2 affirmative vote shall be necessary for all actions of the task  
3 force.

4 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without  
5 compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses,  
6 including reasonable travel expenses, incurred in the  
7 performance of their duties under this section.

8 (f) The task force shall provide a statewide broadband  
9 plan, which shall include the following:

- 10 (1) The financial status and revenues of public,  
11 educational, or governmental access providers;
- 12 (2) A description of how present fees collected are used  
13 for infrastructure;
- 14 (3) The potential establishment of a wireless fee to be  
15 used for video streaming; and
- 16 (4) The recommended structure to regulate all broadband  
17 services under the department of business, economic  
18 development, and tourism, including all regulations  
19 and fees for the implementation of broadband.

20 (g) The statewide broadband plan shall seek all possible  
21 revenues available to broadband infrastructure and public,



1 educational, or governmental access provided by wireless  
2 carriers, provided that any proposed fees will be fair and  
3 reasonable to consumers.

4 (h) The statewide broadband plan shall address  
5 technological advancements in broadband and explore the possible  
6 conversion of the use of wireline to wireless services.

7 (i) The task force shall submit a report of its findings  
8 and recommendations, including a statewide broadband plan and  
9 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than  
10 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
11 2018.

12 (j) The task force shall cease to exist upon adjournment  
13 sine die of the regular session of 2018.

14 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
15 provided that this Act shall not take effect if legislation that  
16 amends chapter 27 or chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
17 establish or amend conditions under which the State and counties  
18 may establish a collocation permitting, application, review and  
19 approval process for telecommunications companies proposing to  
20 install broadband infrastructure on state or county structures,



1 utility poles, light standards, or buildings, is not enacted by  
2 the legislature during the regular session of 2017.



**Report Title:**

Technology; Broadband; Counties; State Functions and  
Responsibilities

**Description:**

Establishes a broadband task force to create a statewide  
broadband plan. (SB1201 HD1)

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