HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. (202

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Federal Communications Commission announced its decision and order to 2 3 service providers that it would sunset the requirement to file 4 broadband deployment information using the Form 477 filing 5 system as of December 31, 2022. The collection of block-level 6 fixed broadband data has been discontinued. Facilities-based providers of fixed and mobile internet access service are no 7 8 longer required to submit block-level broadband deployment data 9 in the Form 477 filing interface and broadband availability data 10 in the broadband data collection system. Now, providers need 11 only to submit broadband availability data in the broadband data 12 collection system.

13 The purpose of this Act is to repeal the requirement for 14 broadband service providers in the State to submit census-block 15 level informational reports, for consistency with the December 16 2022 Federal Communications Commission requirement.

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1	SECTION 3. Section 440J-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by deleting the definitions of "broadband access or
3	broadband service", "broadband infrastructure", and "broadband
4	speed threshold".
5	"["Broadband access or broadband service" means an "always-
6	on" service that includes but is not limited to computer
7	processing capabilities, information provision, and computing
8	interactivity with data transport, enabling end users to access
9	the Internet and use a variety of applications at minimum speeds
10	established by the Federal Communications Commission.
11	"Broadband-infrastructure" means the medium used-to-provide
12	broadband access or broadband service, including fiber optic
13	cable, copper cable, coaxial-cable, and wireless media, such as
14	satellite communications, wi-fi, and worldwide interoperability
15	for microwave access.
16	"Broadband speed threshold" means the highest speed
17	threshold defined or established in the most recent broadband
18	progress report-issued by the Federal-Communications Commission
19	to Congress.]"
20	SECTION 3. Section 440J-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21	amended to read as follows:

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1	"[{]§440J-2[]] Informational reports . [(a) Beginning on
2	March 1, 2013, and on every March 1 thereafter, every provider,
3	except for commercial mobile radio service providers, shall file
4	with the department, in a form as prescribed by the director,
5	separate reports for each county that include, over the most
6	recent thirty-day period and without any other personal or
7	private information, the following:
8	(1) Broadband access availability aggregated at the
9	census-block level and detailed as a percentage of
10	households, addresses, or tax map key parcels that
11	cannot be serviced in a census-block at the broadband
12	speed threshold; and
13	(2) The monthly price charged for the broadband service if
14	purchased individually without any discounts.
15	(b)] Beginning on March 1, 2013, and on every March 1
16	thereafter, commercial mobile radio service providers shall file
17	with the department data and information that is the same as and
18	not inconsistent with information filed with the Federal
19	Communications Commission."
20	SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21	and stricken.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DCCA; Broadband Service Providers; Informational Reports

Description:

Repeals the requirement for broadband service providers to submit census-block level reports to the department of commerce and consumer affairs, for consistency with new Federal Communications Commission requirements.

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