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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that equitable access to  
3 high-speed broadband internet is a pressing challenge for the  
4 State. The legislature further finds that there is a  
5 significant amount of federal funds available to support state  
6 broadband initiatives and that some of these programs require  
7 matching funds from the State or other non-federal partners.  
8 The legislature also finds that the composition of the working  
9 group established pursuant to Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii  
10 2022, should be amended to facilitate its purpose in determining  
11 the appropriate governance structure to implement, operate, and  
12 maintain broadband infrastructure development in the State.

13 The purpose of this Act is to:

14 (1) Provide the matching funds required to receive federal  
15 funds for state broadband initiatives; and







1 governance structure to implement, operate, and maintain  
2 broadband infrastructure development in the State.

3 (b) The working group shall consist of the following  
4 members, or their designees:

5 (1) The president of the University of Hawaii [~~who shall~~  
6 ~~serve as co chair~~];

7 (2) The strategic broadband coordinator [~~who shall serve~~  
8 ~~as co chair~~];

9 (3) The director of finance;

10 (4) The director of commerce and consumer affairs;

11 (5) The comptroller;

12 (6) The director of business, economic development, and  
13 tourism;

14 (7) The director of health;

15 (8) The superintendent of education;

16 (9) The chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission;

17 [~~and~~]

18 (10) The mayors of the counties [~~-~~]; and

19 (11) The lieutenant governor, who shall serve as chair.



1 (c) The [~~co-chairs~~] chair of the working group shall  
2 invite the following individuals to become members of the  
3 working group:

- 4 (1) The governor;
- 5 (2) The State's congressional delegation;
- 6 (3) Representatives from private sector partners; and
- 7 (4) Others as recommended by the working group."

8 PART IV

9 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Broadband Funds; Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Broadband Infrastructure Development; Working Group; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates general funds to provide required matching funds for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. Appropriates from the funds received by the State of Hawaii from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program. Requires the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to convene and lead the working group established pursuant to Act 231, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD2)

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