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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act; to amend
- 2 section 86-1302, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to
- 3 redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 86-1302, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 86-1302 For purposes of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act:

4 (1) Commission means the Public Service Commission;

5 (2) Development costs means the amount paid for project planning,
6 obtaining construction permits, construction of facilities including both
7 middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure, equipment, and installation and
8 testing of the broadband Internet service;

9 (3) Digital inclusion means access to and use of information and
10 communication technologies by all individuals and communities, including
11 the most disadvantaged individuals and communities;

12 (4) Eligible telecommunications carrier means an eligible
13 telecommunications carrier as designated under 47 U.S.C. 214(e), as such
14 section existed on January 1, 2023 ~~2021~~;

15 (5) Grant means money provided to an applicant for purposes of a
16 project under the act;

17 (6) Program means the Broadband Bridge Program created under the
18 act;

19 (7) Project means the development of a broadband network in an
20 unserved or underserved area;

21 (8) Project area means the geographical area in which a broadband
22 network is to be developed pursuant to a grant;

23 (9) Provider means a broadband Internet service provider, including
24 any telecommunications company, cable television company, or wireless
25 network provider that provides broadband Internet service;

26 (10) Speed test means a measurement of download and upload speeds
27 for access to broadband Internet service between a specific consumer
28 location and a specific remote server location that meets the
29 specifications of the commission;

30 (11) Underserved area means a geographical area of the state which
31 lacks broadband Internet service providing access to the Internet at

1 speeds of at least one hundred megabits per second for downloading and
2 twenty megabits per second for uploading; and

3 (12) Unserved area means a geographical area of the state which
4 lacks broadband Internet service providing access to the Internet at
5 speeds of at least twenty-five megabits per second for downloading and
6 three megabits per second for uploading.

7 Sec. 2. Original section 86-1302, Revised Statutes Cumulative
8 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.