

Possible New Wording for Broadband Budget Line Item

B.1100(a)(10)(C) – Broadband Facilities Deployment Program (\$15,900,000) – Support Funding for Broadband Expansion as High Priority; Awaiting Further Recommendations from Committee of Jurisdiction

The Committee supports broadband funding and expansion as a high priority and recognizes the extreme need for broadband deployment throughout the State. The Committee does not take a position at this time on any specific proposal for broadband deployment. However, we are encouraged by the proposals under consideration by the House Committee on Energy and Technology that include a more expansive policy approach than the proposal within B.1100(a)(10)(C). We await further deliberation and recommendation by the House Committee on Energy and Technology.