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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 5231

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to broadband; making supplemental appropriations and transfers relating
1.3 to broadband; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.396, by adding a
1.4 subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.396, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. Transfer. The commissioner may transfer up to \$5,000,000 of a fiscal year
1.9 appropriation between the border-to-border broadband program, low density population
1.10 broadband program, and the broadband line extension program to meet demand.

1.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.12 Sec. 2. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL
1.13 FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.

1.14 (a) The commissioner of employment and economic development must prepare and
1.15 submit an application to the United States Department of Commerce requesting State Digital
1.16 Equity Capacity Grant Funding made available under Public Law 117-58, the Infrastructure
1.17 Investment and Jobs Act.

1.18 (b) The amount awarded Minnesota from paragraph (a) is appropriated to the
1.19 commissioner of employment and economic development for purposes of the commissioner's
1.20 Minnesota Digital Opportunity Plan.