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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to broadband; specifying grant amount for unserved areas; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 116J.396, subdivision 2.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 116J.396, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 2. **Expenditures.** (a) Money in the account may be used only:
- 1.7 (1) for grant awards made under section 116J.395, including costs incurred by the
- 1.8 Department of Employment and Economic Development to administer that section;
- 1.9 (2) to supplement revenues raised by bonds sold by local units of government for
- 1.10 broadband infrastructure development; or
- 1.11 (3) to contract for the collection of broadband deployment data from providers and the
- 1.12 creation of maps showing the availability of broadband service.
- 1.13 (b) 50 percent of the money in the account must be used for grants to unserved areas.
- 1.14 Notwithstanding the limitations of this subdivision or section 116J.395, the commissioner
- 1.15 may award grants with the money allocated under this paragraph for nonwired and other
- 1.16 innovative broadband technologies to deploy broadband to unserved areas in Minnesota.
- 1.17 This paragraph expires when the commissioner certifies that there are no longer unserved
- 1.18 areas in Minnesota.