

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 494
2 INTRODUCED BY D. HARVEY

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION LAW;
5 PROVIDING FOR COLLABORATIVE BROADBAND INSTALLATION; AND PROVIDING RULEMAKING
6 AUTHORITY."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Broadband deployment.** (1) The department shall maintain a list of
11 entities working on broadband deployment in the state.

12 (2) When the department plans a highway construction project involving construction methods
13 suitable for installing broadband conduit in the highway right-of-way or conducive to accessing the utility right-
14 of-way, the department shall notify entities working on broadband deployment of the project to encourage
15 collaborative broadband installation.

16 (3) The department may adopt administrative rules to implement this section.

17 (4) As used in this section, "entities working on broadband deployment" includes but is not limited to
18 local governments, nonprofit organizations, cable television companies, and telephone companies.

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20 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
21 integral part of Title 60, chapter 4, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 4, apply to [section 1].

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