A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that broadband development is essential to the economic development of Hawaii. With cable landing poised to reach Hawaii in the very near future, the legislature additionally finds that submarine fiber optic cables may bypass Hawaii without government-funded support. Fiber optic cables will provide much needed high-speed Internet to communities around the Hawaiian islands, thus ensuring Hawaii remains relevant in an ever changing economic climate. The legislature additionally finds that fiber optic cables being necessary for advancing broadband in Hawaii have been found to be safe for both human and animal life and that such funding and has nothing to do with the promotion of wireless high frequency communication, known as 5G.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the department of business, economic development, and tourism for cable landing infrastructure.
SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of $ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for cable landing infrastructure, including for the use of:

(1) Cable stations;

(2) Horizontal bores;

(3) Conduits;

(4) Backhaul circuits;

(5) Permitting;

(6) Planning and design; and

(7) Administrative support.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.
Report Title:
DBEDT; Broadband; Cable Landing Infrastructure; Appropriation

Description:
Appropriates funds to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for cable landing infrastructure. Takes effect on 7/1/2012. (HD1)

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