
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT.

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

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

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to the
15 department of business, economic development, and tourism for
16 cable landing infrastructure.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
4 cable landing infrastructure, including for the use of:

- 5 (1) Cable stations;
- 6 (2) Horizontal bores;
- 7 (3) Conduits;
- 8 (4) Backhaul circuits;
- 9 (5) Permitting;
- 10 (6) Planning and design; and
- 11 (7) Administrative support.

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

15 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 7/1/2112. (HD1)

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