

ESSB 5693 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2871.1/22) **1211**

By Representative Kretz

1 On page 100, line 21, after "establish" strike all material
2 through "program" on line 25 and insert "broadband assistance
3 programs. Of the amount provided in this subsection:

4 (a) \$48,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
5 year 2023 is provided solely for the office to implement a program to
6 provide eligible households with assistance of up to \$20 per month to
7 defray the cost of broadband services. A household is eligible for
8 assistance under (a) of this subsection if it receives a benefit
9 through the federal affordable connectivity program; and

10 (b) \$2,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
11 year 2023 is provided solely for the office to implement a program to
12 expand internet access for eligible households by offsetting the costs
13 of purchasing and installing equipment to access a low-orbit satellite
14 broadband network. A household is eligible to receive assistance under
15 (b) of this subsection if it is a low- or moderate-income household in
16 a county in which the median income is less than 75 percent of the
17 state median household income"

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EFFECT: (1) Reduces the General Fund - State provided for the Statewide Broadband Office in the Department of Commerce to provide assistance to defray the cost of broadband services for households receiving a benefit through the federal Affordable Connectivity Program by \$2.0 million.

(2) Provides \$2.0 million General Fund - State for the Statewide Broadband Office to implement a program to expand internet access for low- and moderate-income households by offsetting the costs of purchasing and installing equipment to access a low-orbit satellite broadband network.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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