



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Explanation of Changes

CSHB 363 Version A to C

"An Act establishing the office of broadband; creating the broadband parity adjustment fund; establishing the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1

Page 1, line 12

The word "tribal" was added following the word "federal." Lines 11-12 now read: "expand broadband access and digital equity in the state through federal, tribal, and local partnerships."

Page 2, line 22

Deletes the words "and rates" following "criteria." Line 22 now reads, "administer and set criteria for the broadband parity adjustment program."

Page 2, line 27

Inserts the words "and apprenticeship programs." Lines 25-27 now read, "encourage local workforce development with in-state partners through the University of Alaska, technical, vocational, or trade schools, and apprenticeships programs."

Page 3, line 12

Deletes "and rates" following "criteria." Line 12 now reads, "the office of broadband shall set the criteria for offsetting the costs of broadband services for consumers by state regulation."

Page 4, line 1:

Adds "technology-neutral" following "provide" to read "provide technology-neutral input, recommendations, and advice..."

Page 4, line 13:

Adds two members from the legislature, to serve as ex officio members appointed by the presiding officers, ensuring legislative participation and oversight of the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board.

Page 4, line 16:

Requires at least two members of the Advisory Board live in an unserved or underserved area.

Page 4, line 17:

Establishes that members of the Advisory Board will serve three-year terms.

Page 4, lines 27-31; Page 5, line 1:

Inserts a new subsection (d) to read:

"The advisory board shall establish a broadband technical working group to provide technical recommendations to the advisory board. The advisory board shall appoint individuals to the technical working group who collectively have expertise in the different technologies that provide broadband service, and manage and deliver projects in the state. The broadband industry representative on the advisory board shall also serve on the broadband technical working group."

Page 5, lines 6-12

Inserts **Sec. 44.33.930. Definitions.**

In AS 44.33.910 - 44.33.930:

- (1) "Unserved area" means an area that does not have broadband speeds of at least 25 Megabits per second downstream and at least 3 Megabits per second upstream with a latency sufficient to support real-time interactive applications;
and
- (2) "Underserved area" means an area that does not have broadband speeds of at least 100 Megabits per second downstream and at least 20 Megabits per second upstream with a latency sufficient to support real-time interactive applications."