

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Lindsay, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Weidner, Bentz, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/18, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Universal Service Fund moneys to be expended by the Public Utility Commission to map or survey the state to determine where broadband services are available.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allowing the Fund to expend money for the purposes of mapping out broadband was intended with House Bill 3158 (2009), but not included in the version that passed (House Bill 3199, 2009)
- Measure narrows the statute instead of expanding it

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2192 clarifies that the Public Utility Commission is authorized to expend money from the Universal Service Fund to survey and map for broadband per the intent of 2009 legislation.