On page 1 of the printed B-engrossed bill, after line 3, insert:

"Whereas access to high-speed, affordable broadband services is vital to the delivery of education, health care, public safety, economic development and other public services; and

"Whereas the Legislative Assembly continuously seeks to encourage collaboration between communities and the tribal governments and public bodies that serve them; and

"Whereas it is not the state's intent to provide broadband services in direct competition with telecommunications providers that offer comparable broadband services; now, therefore, ".

On page 2, delete lines 23 through 26.

In line 30, delete "5" and insert "4".

In line 31, delete "6" and insert "5".

On page 3, line 5, delete "6" and insert "5".

In line 6, after "operations" insert "in unserved or underserved areas".

In line 29, delete "6" and insert "5".

In line 31, delete "duplicate" and insert "directly compete with".

Delete lines 34 through 38 and insert:

"(b) For the purposes of this section, broadband services are considered to be already offered by a telecommunications provider if the provider can demonstrate its ability to provide the broadband services in the geographic area to be served within a reasonable time and for a reasonable cost."

In line 45, delete "and" and begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(c) Describe the process by which a telecommunications provider may demonstrate its ability to provide broadband services under subsection (1) of this section and to meet the specifications proposed by the State Chief Information Officer under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and"

On page 4, line 1, delete "(c)" and insert "(d)"

In line 24, delete "7" and insert "6".

In line 41, delete "8" and insert "7".

On page 5, line 1, delete "9" and insert "8".