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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to broadband; requiring the Public Utilities Commission to establish  
1.3 standards for broadband service; requiring a report to the commission; proposing  
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 237.013 BROADBAND SERVICE STANDARDS.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "broadband service" has the  
1.8 meaning given in section 116J.39, subdivision 1.

1.9 Subd. 2. Standards. By December 31, 2023, the commission must establish standards  
1.10 for broadband service, including but not limited to standards governing reliability; resiliency;  
1.11 quality; emergency preparedness; postemergency network restoration, including minimum  
1.12 power-backup requirements; and equitability of deployment of broadband availability to  
1.13 low-income areas and communities whose residents are predominantly from racial, ethnic,  
1.14 cultural, or linguistic communities.

1.15 Subd. 3. Report required. Beginning December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, each  
1.16 broadband service provider must submit a written report to the commission, in a format  
1.17 developed by the commission, that addresses the broadband service provider's:

- 1.18 (1) progress toward achieving the goals of section 237.012; and
- 1.19 (2) compliance with the standards established under subdivision 2.

1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.