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03/10/2016	4942	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development
03/23/2016	5220	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to broadband; regulating eligibility for border-to-border broadband
 1.3 grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement,
 1.4 section 116J.394.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 116J.394, is amended to read:

1.7 **116J.394 DEFINITIONS.**

1.8 (a) For the purposes of sections 116J.394 to 116J.396, the following terms have
 1.9 the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "Broadband" or "broadband service" has the meaning given in section 116J.39,
 1.11 subdivision 1, paragraph (b).

1.12 (c) "Broadband infrastructure" means networks of deployed telecommunications
 1.13 equipment and technologies necessary to provide high-speed Internet access and other
 1.14 advanced telecommunications services for end users.

1.15 (d) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of employment and economic
 1.16 development.

1.17 (e) "Last-mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure that serves as the
 1.18 final leg connecting the broadband service provider's network to the end-use customer's
 1.19 on-premises telecommunications equipment.

1.20 (f) "Middle-mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure that links a
 1.21 broadband service provider's core network infrastructure to last-mile infrastructure.

1.22 (g) "Political subdivision" means any county, city, town, school district, special
 1.23 district or other political subdivision, or public corporation.

2.1 (h) "Underserved areas" means areas of Minnesota in which households or
2.2 businesses lack access to wire-line broadband service at speeds ~~that meet the state~~
2.3 ~~broadband goals of ten to 20~~ at least 100 megabits per second download and five to ten
2.4 at least 20 megabits per second upload.

2.5 (i) "Unserved areas" means areas of Minnesota in which households or businesses
2.6 lack access to wire-line broadband service, ~~as defined in section 116J.39~~ at speeds of at
2.7 least 25 megabits per second download and at least three megabits per second upload.

2.8 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; BORDER-TO-BORDER BROADBAND GRANTS.**

2.9 \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to
2.10 the commissioner of employment and economic development for deposit in the
2.11 border-to-border broadband fund account under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.396.
2.12 The appropriation may be used for the purposes provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.13 116J.395.