

Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 23-5964/1	Introduction Number AB-1176
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Description
 requirements for broadband expansion grants, granting rule-making authority, and making an appropriation

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
 - Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2023 AB 1176 defines broadband infrastructure and requires broadband expansion grant program applicants to specify in their grant applications the broadband infrastructure to be constructed. The bill also creates statutory provisions requiring grant recipients to submit progress reports to the Public Service Commission (Commission). The reports must include information on the status of construction activities, the number of connections provided and average speeds. 2023 AB 1176 also creates statutory language requiring grant recipients to reimburse the Commission if they fail to complete construction of the broadband infrastructure outlined in the grant application or if the infrastructure fails to provide service at specified speeds. The bill creates an appropriation for the receipt of these funds, which will subsequently be used to award additional broadband expansion grants. The Commission is required to promulgate rules related to the submission of progress reports and the reimbursement of grant funds for failed construction projects. Finally, 2023 AB 1176 requires a biennial Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) performance audit.

The statutory requirements outlined in this bill can be absorbed with existing staff resources. Additionally, existing staff resources will be able to promulgate rules for these areas and respond to LAB performance audit requests.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications