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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 327

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Requests the office of broadband development and connectivity to provide quarterly reports on the implementation, performance, and rural coverage of broadband infrastructure projects

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the office of broadband development and connectivity to provide
3 quarterly reports on the implementation, performance, and rural coverage of
4 broadband infrastructure projects funded through state and federal programs, and to
5 identify any service gaps, delays, or deficiencies in rural delivery.

6 WHEREAS, broadband internet access is an essential utility for participation in
7 modern economic, educational, and healthcare systems, especially in rural areas of
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the state has committed significant public resources, including funding
10 through the Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) program
11 and other federal broadband initiatives, to address internet access disparities; and

12 WHEREAS, many rural households and businesses continue to report unreliable,
13 delayed, or absent service, indicating possible implementation or oversight issues in
14 broadband expansion projects; and

15 WHEREAS, transparency and legislative oversight are necessary to ensure that
16 broadband infrastructure projects are implemented equitably and effectively, especially in
17 underserved and unserved rural areas.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the office of broadband development
20 and connectivity to submit quarterly reports to the House Committee on Commerce and the

1 House Committee on Appropriations, beginning no later than September 1, 2025, and
2 continuing quarterly through December 2026.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such reports shall include all of the following:

4 (1) A list of all broadband infrastructure projects underway or completed, including
5 geographic location and implementation timelines.

6 (2) The percentage of rural households and businesses connected or serviced by each
7 project.

8 (3) Any challenges, delays, or barriers to completion, including permitting, labor,
9 or technical issues.

10 (4) A list of grant recipients and contractors with details on performance metrics,
11 compliance with contract terms, and any enforcement actions taken.

12 (5) Recommendations for improving service to the most remote or hard-to-reach
13 areas of the state.

14 (6) An assessment of whether underserved or unserved areas are being bypassed or
15 deprioritized.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 executive director of the office of broadband development and connectivity.

DIGEST

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