

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 80** SLS 26RS 265  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Broadband Services		

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS RE1 NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides for the regulation of certain broadband services. (8/1/26)

Proposed law increases the allowable administrative cost cap for the federal grant awarded to OBDC through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF). Proposed law increases the administration costs that OBDC can charge to the grant from 1% to 2.5%. Additionally, proposed law allows OBDC to hire third party contractors as deemed necessary for the further administration of the GUMBO program from 1% to 2.5% of the granted funds. Proposed law allows OBDC to promulgate rules to specify thresholds of completion, and when to collect payments. Proposed law retains that final payment shall not be due until an approved completion report is received. Additionally, proposed law provides for grant solicitation and awards for GUMBO 3.0. Finally, the proposed law clarifies that if OBDC determines a provider caused damage to underground utilities, the office can withhold funds until the provider remedies the damage.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law increases the allowable administrative cost cap for the federal grant awarded to the Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity (OBDC) through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF). Currently, administration costs for the GUMBO programs are allowed to be charged to the CPF but are limited to a total of 2%, approximately \$3.5 M. Proposed law increases this to 5%, approximately \$8.9 M, that would be eligible to be charged to the CPF. The additional funding will be utilized in FY 27 to fund expenses related to sub-grantee monitoring and compliance prior to the grant's expiration on 12/31/26.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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