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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Deshotel to Engrossed House Bill No. 689 by Representative Deshotel

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"enact R.S. 51:1362.1, relative to the regulation of"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "services;" insert the following:

"to provide for the oversight and enforcement authority of the office of broadband development and connectivity;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 6 and 7 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"reimbursement of grantees; to provide for grants; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 11 and 12 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:1362.1 is hereby enacted to read"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"§1362.1. Oversight and enforcement authority by the office of broadband development and connectivity

A. The office of broadband development and connectivity has exclusive authority to do all of the following:

(1) Develop rules and standards to govern the implementation, performance, and compliance of all broadband programs, including GUMBO 1.0, GUMBO 2.0, GUMBO 3.0, GUMBO 4.0, and any future broadband initiatives.

(2) Investigate any alleged noncompliance or complaint related to broadband deployment, including but not limited to the following:

(a) Inadequate speeds or service levels.

(b) Pricing violations.

(c) Failure to meet coverage obligations.

(d) Construction-related damages.

(e) Delays in activation or repair.

(3) Enforce compliance through administrative penalties, disbursement suspensions, fund recovery, or program exclusion.

B. The office of broadband development and connectivity shall establish a complaint resolution process for residents, municipalities, and stakeholders.

C. The office of broadband development and connectivity shall promulgate all necessary rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section.

D. No other state agency has the authority to regulate broadband program compliance unless expressly authorized by law.

E. Nothing in this Section shall apply to any broadband deployment by any provider initiated prior to the effective date of this Act, nor shall this Section apply to any broadband deployment that is not funded in whole or in part under the GUMBO 2.0, GUMBO 3.0, or GUMBO 4.0 programs.

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, delete lines 14 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Delete page 5 in its entirety