
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1700

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By House Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, McCoy, and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to conducting an inventory of publicly owned high-
2 speed internet infrastructure; amending RCW 43.105.350; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.105 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 assess what high-speed internet infrastructure is already publicly
7 owned or leased in order to better understand opportunities to leverage
8 existing resources, with the ultimate goal of making high-speed
9 internet service more readily available throughout the state,
10 especially in underserved areas and areas with an uptake rate for high-
11 speed internet below the state median.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.105 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall conduct a detailed survey of all high-
15 speed internet infrastructure owned or leased by state agencies.

16 (2) Within existing resources, by December 1, 2016, the department
17 shall use the information gathered under subsection (1) of this section

1 to create a geographic information system map of all high-speed
2 internet infrastructure owned or leased by the state.

3 (3) State agencies shall respond to any request for information
4 from the department in a reasonable and timely manner, not to exceed
5 one hundred twenty days.

6 (4) The department may create an interactive web site to allow
7 residents to self-report whether high-speed internet is available at
8 their home or residence and at what speed.

9 (5) For purposes of this section, "state agency" includes every
10 state office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other
11 state agency.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.105.350 and 2008 c 262 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) For purposes of (~~compliance with section 2, chapter 262, Laws~~
15 ~~of 2008 or~~) any (~~subsequent~~) state high-speed internet deployment
16 and adoption initiative, the department of information services, the
17 department of community, trade, and economic development, the utilities
18 and transportation commission, and any other government agent or agency
19 shall not (~~gather or request any information related to high-speed~~
20 ~~internet infrastructure or service from~~) require providers of
21 telecommunications or high-speed internet services (~~that is~~) to
22 provide information related to high-speed internet infrastructure or
23 service that may be classified by the provider as proprietary or
24 competitively sensitive, but may accept, store, and use such
25 information if voluntarily offered by the provider or if provided by
26 the federal government to facilitate implementation of a high-speed
27 internet deployment and adoption initiative.

28 (2) Nothing in this section may be construed as limiting the
29 authority of a state agency or local government to gather or request
30 information from providers of telecommunications or high-speed internet
31 services for other purposes pursuant to its statutory authority.

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