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By Senator Van De Wege

On page 46, after line 11 of the amendment, insert the following:

"**Sec.**  RCW 43.330.418 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 609 are each amended to read as follows:

(1)(a) The ((~~governor may take all appropriate steps to seek federal funding in order to maximize investment in broadband deployment and adoption in the state of Washington. Such steps may include the designation of a broadband deployment and adoption coordinator; review and prioritization of grant applications by public and private entities as directed by the national telecommunications and information administration, the rural utility services, and the federal communications commission; disbursement of block grant funding; and direction to state agencies to provide staffing as necessary to carry out this section. The authority for overseeing broadband adoption and deployment efforts on behalf of the state is vested in the department~~)) office of broadband deployment is created within the department. The office is responsible for matters regarding the adoption and deployment of broadband throughout the state, including coordinating activities required under subsection (2) of this section.

(b) The office must focus its resources on deployment of broadband in unserved and underserved areas of the state.

(c) By December 1, 2020, the department must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must be coordinated with the requirements of RCW 43.105.369(7) and must include at a minimum a progress report on the deployment of broadband in underserved and unserved areas of the state, and activities conducted under RCW 43.330.412 and 43.330.415.

(2) The department may apply for federal funds and other grants or donations, ((~~may~~)) must deposit such funds in the Washington community technology opportunity account created in RCW 43.330.415, may oversee implementation of federally funded or mandated broadband programs for the state, and may adopt rules as necessary to administer the programs. These programs may include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Engaging in periodic statewide surveys of residents, businesses, and nonprofit organizations concerning their use and adoption of high-speed internet, computer, and related information technology for the purpose of identifying barriers to adoption;

(b) Working with communities to identify barriers to the adoption of broadband service and related information technology services by individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses;

(c) Identifying broadband demand opportunities in communities by working cooperatively with local organizations, government agencies, and businesses;

(d) Creating, implementing, and administering programs to improve computer ownership, technology literacy, digital media literacy, and high-speed internet access for populations not currently served or underserved in the state. This may include programs to provide low-income families, community-based nonprofit organizations, nonprofit entities, and public entities that work in partnership with nonprofit entities to provide increased access to computers and broadband, with reduced cost internet access;

(e) Administering the community technology opportunity program under RCW 43.330.412 and 43.330.415;

(f) Creating additional programs to spur the development of high-speed internet resources underserved and unserved areas of in the state;

(g) Establishing technology literacy and digital inclusion programs and establishing low-cost hardware, software, and internet purchasing programs that may include allowing participation by community technology programs in state purchasing programs; and

(h) Developing technology loan programs targeting small businesses or businesses located in unserved and underserved areas.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 80.36 RCW to read as follows:

(1)(a) The commission, in consultation with the department of commerce, must prepare a report that reviews the progress in adopting deploying broadband throughout the state and makes recommendations directed to both public entities and telecommunications service providers for accelerating this progress.

(b) By December 1, 2018, the commission must submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must be coordinated with the requirements of RCW 43.105.369(7) and 43.330.409. The report must include, at a minimum:

(i) Progress on the deployment of broadband in underserved and unserved areas of the state;

(ii) The effectiveness of using federal and state funds for deployment of broadband services to rural, underserved, and unserved areas of the state;

(iii) A gap analysis of deployment of broadband using federal and state subsidies received as of the effective date of this section; and

(iv) Additional incentives and measures to encourage telecommunications service providers to invest in infrastructure to serve rural, underserved, and unserved areas of the state.

(2) The commission must review the use of federal and state funding for broadband to determine:

(a) Appropriateness of the use of funds for private and public entities;

(b) Cost structure of regulations; and

(c) Whether and to what extent the universal service fund, as described in RCW 80.36.650 and 80.36.660, should be used to support the deployment of broadband in underserved, unserved, and rural areas of the state."

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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On page 47, line 2 of the title amendment, after "80.36.680," strike "and 80.36.690" and insert "80.36.690, and 43.330.418" and on line 3, after "35.99 RCW;" strike "adding a new section" and insert "adding new sections"

EFFECT: Establishes an office of broadband deployment within the department of commerce. The broadband office is required to focus on broadband deployment in underserved and unserved areas of the state. The UTC is required to review the progress of broadband deployment in rural, underserved, and unserved areas of the state and provide a report that includes a gap analysis of the use of federal and state funds for broadband deployment as well as broadband deployment in the state, and the use of the universal service fund for broadband deployment.