

5620-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Economic Development & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Sheahan, McCaslin, Stevens and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Encouraging the development of advanced telecommunications services in rural areas.

**SB 5620-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent of the legislature to encourage the deployment of advanced telecommunications services in rural areas of the state, and in furtherance thereof, to provide tax exemptions and credits.

Finds that it is in the public interest of all residents of the state to ensure that advanced telecommunications services are deployed in rural areas of the state so that the rural areas of the state may serve as areas for economic development, reduce use of the public highways by encouraging telecommuting through the use of advanced services, and to benefit the environment of the state.