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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5715** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

Secretary

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the definition of broadband or
2 broadband service; amending RCW 43.330.530; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the statewide
6 broadband office's objective of scalability while appreciating that a
7 digital economy will continue to drive higher and higher speeds.
8 Therefore, the legislature intends to move towards adequate
9 connectivity in terms of the needs of economic development,
10 education, and telehealth services.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.530 and 2019 c 365 s 2 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The definitions in this section apply throughout this section and
14 RCW 43.330.532 through 43.330.538 unless the context clearly requires
15 otherwise.

16 (1) "Board" means the public works board established in RCW
17 43.155.030.

18 (2) "Broadband" or "broadband service" means any service
19 providing advanced telecommunications capability and internet access
20 with transmission speeds that, at a minimum, provide ((twenty-five))

1 100 megabits per second download and ((three)) 20 megabits per second
2 upload.

3 (3) "Broadband infrastructure" means networks of deployed
4 telecommunications equipment and technologies necessary to provide
5 high-speed internet access and other advanced telecommunications
6 services to end users.

7 (4) "Department" means the department of commerce.

8 (5) "Last mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure
9 that serves as the final connection from a broadband service
10 provider's network to the end-use customer's on-premises
11 telecommunications equipment.

12 (6) "Local government" includes cities, towns, counties,
13 municipal corporations, public port districts, public utility
14 districts, quasi-municipal corporations, special purpose districts,
15 and multiparty entities comprised of public entity members.

16 (7) "Middle mile infrastructure" means broadband infrastructure
17 that links a broadband service provider's core network infrastructure
18 to last mile infrastructure.

19 (8) "Office" means the governor's statewide broadband office
20 established in RCW 43.330.532.

21 (9) "Tribe" means any federally recognized Indian tribe whose
22 traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington.

23 (10) "Unserved areas" means areas of Washington in which
24 households and businesses lack access to broadband service, as
25 defined by the office(~~(, except that the state's definition for~~
26 ~~broadband service may not be actual speeds less than twenty-five~~
27 ~~megabits per second download and three megabits per second upload)~~).

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