

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5671

As of February 10, 2025

Title: An act relating to modifying eligibility for the broadband service expansion grant and loan program.

Brief Description: Modifying eligibility for the broadband service expansion grant and loan program.

Sponsors: Senators Hansen and Hasegawa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Environment, Energy & Technology: 2/12/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Strikes limited liability corporations and incorporated businesses or partnerships as eligible entities for the Broadband Service Expansion Grant and Loan Program.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

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Background: Public Works Board. The Public Works Board (PWB) within the Department of Commerce provides financial and technical assistance to local governments in addressing local infrastructure and public works projects by making loans, grants, financing guarantees, and technical assistance available.

Broadband Service Expansion Grant and Loan Program. The PWB administers the Broadband Service Expansion Grant and Loan Program (Program), which awards funding to eligible applicants in order to promote the expansion of access to broadband service in unserved areas of the state. Eligible applicants include local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations, cooperative associations, multiparty entities comprised of public entity

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members, limited liability corporations organized for the purpose of expanding broadband access, and incorporated businesses or partnerships.

Summary of Bill: Incorporated businesses or partnerships and limited liability corporations are eliminated as eligible entities for the Program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 9, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.