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1 Beginning on page 5, line 18, strike all of section 6 and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The authority for overseeing broadband
4 adoption and deployment efforts in the state is vested in the
5 department of information services.

6 (a) The department is the single eligible entity in the state to
7 receive a grant under the federal broadband data improvement act, P.L.
8 110-385.

9 (b) Funding received by the department under the federal broadband
10 data improvement act, P.L. 110-385, must be used in accordance with the
11 requirements of that act and, subject to those requirements, may be
12 distributed by the department on a competitive basis to other entities
13 in the state to achieve the purposes of that act.

14 (2) The department may apply for and oversee implementation of
15 federally funded or mandated broadband programs and may adopt rules to
16 administer the programs. These programs may include but are not
17 limited to the following:

18 (a) Contracting for and purchasing a completed map of privately
19 controlled or owned broadband infrastructure. The map may include, but
20 is not limited to, adoption information, availability information,
21 types of technology used, the physical location of broadband
22 infrastructure, and available speed tiers for high-speed internet;

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

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

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

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

11 (f) Administering the community technology opportunity program
12 under chapter 28B.32 RCW (as recodified by this act); and

13 (g) Creating additional programs to spur the development of high-
14 speed internet resources in the state, which may include, but is not
15 limited to:

16 (i) Applying for and receiving funding in the form of grants or
17 donations which may be deposited into the Washington community
18 technology opportunity account created in RCW 28B.32.030 (as recodified
19 by this act);

20 (ii) Establishing technology literacy and digital inclusion
21 programs and establishing low-cost hardware and software purchasing
22 programs;

23 (iii) Developing last-mile technology loan programs targeting small
24 businesses or businesses located in unserved and underserved areas; and

25 (iv) Including community technology organizations in state hardware
26 and software purchasing programs."

EFFECT: The department of information services is the single
eligible entity in the state to receive a grant under last year's
federal broadband data improvement act. The department may distribute
federal funds received on a competitive basis.

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