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By Senator Wellman

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1 On page 2, beginning on line 5, after "office" strike all
2 material through "revitalization board," on line 6

3 On page 2, after line 9, insert the following:

4 "(5) The statewide broadband office must develop a project
5 evaluation process to assist in coordination among state broadband
6 infrastructure funders to maximize opportunities to leverage federal
7 funding and ensure efficient state investment in achieving the policy
8 objectives of RCW 43.330.536. The project evaluation process must
9 help standardize the assessment of proposed broadband projects so
10 that the state funders, soon after a project is identified, can
11 determine whether the project is a strong candidate for a known
12 federal funding opportunity. The statewide broadband office will use
13 the tool to identify whether a project can be packaged as part of a
14 regional or other coordinated federal grant proposal. The statewide
15 broadband office, public works board, and community economic
16 revitalization board are encouraged to enter into a memorandum of
17 understanding outlining how coordination will take place so that the
18 process can help with a coordinated funding strategy across these
19 entities."

EFFECT: Requires the Statewide Broadband Office to develop a project evaluation process to assist in coordination among state broadband infrastructure funders to maximize federal funding. Encourages the Statewide Broadband Office, the Public Works Board, and the Community Economic Revitalization Board to enter into an MOU outlining how coordination will take place.

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