



**EMPLOYMENT AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# Broadband Update

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# Busy Week

- Monday 3/27 – Senate Ag will amend their omnibus language into SF 1955
- Tuesday 3/28 – House Ag will amend their omnibus language into HF 2278 (look for the amendment later today along with a spreadsheet)
- Wednesday 3/29 – Senate Ag will discuss the bill
- Thursday 3/30 – House Ag will discuss the bill

# Senate Bill

- Funding for OBD - \$700 thousand
- \$100M in total for broadband
  - \$60M for Border-to-Border
  - \$40M for Low Population Density
- Does **NOT** have codification language for the Low Population Density Program
- Does contain old language about allowing up to 75% for federal funding.
- Does **NOT** contain the permanent grant max language of up to \$10M

# Upcoming

- April 5-April 11 – Spring Break
  - Members will be digesting the omnibus bills
- Now until the end of session – aligning the House, Senate, and Governor.
- Broadband unlikely to pass as a standalone bill.
- Expect House and Senate to pass their omnibus bills and negotiate during conference committee.