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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

Referred by Chair to Telecommunications Regulation and Infrastructure Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Commerce and Labor as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to communications; setting state goals for the deployment and speed
1.3 of high-speed broadband; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[237.012] BROADBAND GOALS.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Universal access and high-speed goal.** It is the goal of this state
1.8 that, no later than 2015, all state residents and businesses have access to broadband that
1.9 provides download speeds of no less than ten megabits per second and upload speeds
1.10 of no less than five megabits per second.

1.11 **Subd. 2. State broadband leadership position.** It is the goal of this state that by
1.12 2015, and continuing thereafter:

1.13 (1) the proportion of Minnesota residents and businesses having access to broadband
1.14 ranks among the five states in the United States and the 15 nations globally that have the
1.15 highest proportion of that measure; and

1.16 (2) Minnesota ranks among the five states in the United States with the highest
1.17 broadband speed that is universally accessible to state residents and businesses.

1.18 **Subd. 3. Annual reports.** By February 10, 2011, and each year thereafter, the
1.19 commissioner of commerce shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority
1.20 members of the house of representatives and senate committees with primary jurisdiction
1.21 over telecommunications policy measuring the progress made towards achieving the
1.22 goals under subdivisions 1 and 2. The report must identify any barriers impeding the
1.23 achievement of the goals, suggest strategies to overcome those barriers, and estimate
1.24 the cost of implementing those strategies.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Advisory group.** By July 1, 2010, the commissioner of commerce shall
2.2 appoint and convene a broadband goal advisory group consisting of no more than 15
2.3 members representing, at a minimum, the following sectors: providers of telephone,
2.4 cable, and wireless services; cities; counties; libraries; a labor organization representing
2.5 communications workers; and citizens-at-large. The commission shall meet at least
2.6 quarterly and shall seek public input. The broadband goal advisory group shall advise the
2.7 commissioner of commerce and the house of representatives and senate committees with
2.8 primary jurisdiction over telecommunications policy regarding strategies to achieve the
2.9 goals under subdivision 1. This subdivision expires June 30, 2015.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.