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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to communications; setting state goals for the deployment and speed of
1.3 high-speed broadband; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 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 a state goal that as
1.8 soon as possible, but no later than 2015, all state residents and businesses have access to
1.9 high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of ten to 20 megabits per
1.10 second and minimum upload speeds of five to ten megabits per second.

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

1.13 (1) the top five states of the United States for broadband speed universally accessible
1.14 to residents and businesses;

1.15 (2) the top five states for broadband access; and

1.16 (3) the top 15 of nations globally for broadband access.

1.17 **Subd. 3. Annual reports.** The commissioner of commerce must annually by
1.18 February 10 report on the achievement of the goals under subdivisions 1 and 2 to the
1.19 chairs of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over telecommunication
1.20 issues. The report on goals under subdivision 1 must be made through 2015.

1.21 **Subd. 4. Authority of commerce commissioner.** The commissioner of commerce
1.22 may, among other things, consult with the public and private sector to assist in achieving
1.23 the goals of subdivision 1 and may appoint an advisory group from those sectors for
1.24 that purpose.