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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

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SUBJECT: AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer seeks discussion and possible action on AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) regarding broadband deployment and access and funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AB 1100 (Aguiar Curry) would, among other provisions, provide the authority to issue a revenue bond of up to \$1 billion; give explicit authority for Boards of Supervisors to approve the construction and operation of broadband infrastructure services.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**Synopsis and Background**

AB 1100 (Aguiar Curry) would do the following:

- | Provides authority to issue a revenue bond of up to \$1 billion
- | Give explicit authority for Boards of Supervisors to approve the construction and operation of broadband infrastructure services.
- | Require the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to develop recommendations and a model for streamlined local land use approval and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity and to post on its website as recommendations.
- | Prioritizes last-mile infrastructure for unserved areas where internet connectivity is at or below 6 mbps, with a goal of achieving at least 100 mbps downstreams; upon the achievement of 98% of California households in each consortia region, this bill would require the commission to prioritize middle-mile infrastructure.
- | Removes the "Right of First Refusal" service providers have. Currently, if a service provider can show that they are planning to expand service in an unserved area within 180 days, they can block an infrastructure grant from being awarded to a new service provider wishing to expand into that area.
- | Other provisions, as specified.

Status

Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance

Support and Opposition

CSAC: Support (letter attached)

RCRC: Pending

NACo: N/A

STAFF COMMENTS

Platform: Yes

Federal: N/A

State: Priority 1 - Rural Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure Investment - Page 16

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Subcommittee give a support recommendation. The Subcommittee may direct staff to draft a letter and distribute to interested parties as this is in the platform or make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider at a future meeting.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . CSAC Letter

B . Bill Text

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Minh Tran