

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Representative Schoof:

Please review this bill carefully to make sure that it achieves your intent. In particular, please note the following:

1. The department of commerce has other duties regarding promoting economic enterprises, so I think it is the appropriate state agency for developing the database. Is that okay?
2. There is no consensus in the marketplace on what constitutes "broadband" Internet access. Therefore, I took the approach of describing what it is not (i.e., it is not access through analog technology, such as by a dial-up modem).
3. The bill imposes a 9-month deadline for the department to submit proposed rules to the legislative council. Is that okay? Also note that I think rules are necessary for the department to work out the details on how it will gather information from broadband Internet service providers. In addition, the rules will create a duty for broadband Internet service providers to supply the necessary information.

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