

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-2121/1	Introduction Number AB-0123
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Description
 the information technology block grant program, the broadband expansion grant program, waiving certain fees and appraisals, and making appropriations

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

AB 123 increases the amount of money available for broadband expansion grants, adds an additional priority factor for the Commission to consider when awarding grants, adds three specific issues that the Commission should also consider in its evaluation of grant applications, and provides additional definition of terms used in the Broadband expansion grant statute. The bill also eliminates the \$1.5 million cap on broadband grants in a fiscal year.

The fiscal changes would make \$11 million available for broadband expansion grants in the current fiscal year. This would be a continuing appropriation, and any unused funds would transfer to the broadband grant account for FY 2018. The bill would permit the Commission to schedule a grant competition soon after the bill is enacted, and would also give the Commission the option of conducting more than one grant competition during FY 2018 to address the demand for broadband service.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

AB 123 will likely result in an increase in the number of broadband grant applications submitted in each fiscal year, and also increase the amount of an individual broadband grant award on average. The bill also adjusts the weight that the Commission should assign to certain information included in a grant application. The bill does not create additional workload for the Commission unless the Commission opts to schedule more than one grant competition in FY 2018 or 2019. The Commission would be able to accommodate the changes proposed in AB 123 using existing staff resources.