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Definitions of unserved and underserved relating to broadband expansion grants

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Mark,

I'm sorry I didn't catch this earlier, but I'm now realizing we need a yank of the Governor's provision related to new broadband definitions (see photo below). I think it requires a deletion of sections 1819, 1820, and 1821. Would you please pull together a draft to this effect?

Let me know if you think there are other pieces I'm missing. I already have a yank draft from you related to the municipal broadband provisions, which also have some language about definitions in sections 779/780 of the bill so don't worry about those.

Rory

### **2. DEFINITION OF BROADBAND**

**Governor:** Modify the definitions of unserved and underserved broadband areas for the purposes of awarding grants under the broadband expansion grant program. Define unserved areas as those in which households or businesses lack access to broadband service of at least 10 megabits per second (Mbps) download speed and 1 Mbps upload speed. Define underserved areas as those in which households or businesses lack access to broadband service of at least 25 Mbps download speed and 3 Mbps upload speed.

The bill definition for an underserved area would adopt the current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) minimum speed benchmark for service to be considered high-speed broadband. Federal law requires the FCC and state telecommunications agencies to encourage the nationwide deployment of such high-speed broadband capabilities. Similarly, state statutes require PSC to make broadband expansion grants to unserved and underserved areas and to encourage the development of broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Under current law, underserved areas are defined as those served by fewer than two broadband service providers. Unserved areas are defined as those without a fixed wireless or wired internet service of at least 5 Mbps download speed and 0.6 Mbps upload speed, or 20% of the benchmark speed set by the FCC.

[Bill Sections: 1819 thru 1821]

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broadband <sup>expansion</sup> ~~exapnsion~~ grants

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**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT ,**  
**TO ASSEMBLY BILL 56**

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 **1.** Page 942, line 8: delete lines 8 to 19.

3 (END)

