SENATE AMENDMENT 11,

TO ASSEMBLY BILL 64

September 15, 2017 – Offered by Senators VINEHOUT, BEWLEY, RINGHAND, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, RISSER, HANSEN and LARSON.

1   At the locations indicated, amend the bill, as shown by assembly substitute

2   amendment 1, as follows:

3   **1.** Page 79, line 7: after that line insert:

4   "(a)   Broadband expansion grants;

5   general purpose revenue funding GPR   C   100,000,000   –0–".

6   **2.** Page 278, line 2: after that line insert:

7   "SECTION 198g. 20.155 (3) (a) of the statutes is created to read:

8   20.155 **(3)** (a) *Broadband expansion grants; general purpose revenue funding.*

9   As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for broadband expansion

10 grants under s. 196.504.".

11 **3.** Page 859, line 14: delete that line and substitute:

12 "SECTION 1695b. 196.504 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ad),

13 and 196.504 (1) (ad) 2., as renumbered, is amended to read:

1   **196.504 (1)** (ad) 2.   A telecommunications utility that has not received or

2   applied for A-CAM or phase II support.

3   SECTION **1695c.** 196.504 (1) (aa) of the statutes is created to read:

4   196.504 **(1)** (aa) "A-CAM support" means support for the deployment of voice

5   and broadband-capable networks from the federal Connect America Fund that is

6   made to telecommunications utilities regulated as rate-of-return carriers by the

7   federal communications commission and that is based on the federal

8   communications commission's Alternative Connect America Cost Model.

9   SECTION **1695d.** 196.504 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

10   196.504 **(1)** (ab) "Broadband infrastructure" means infrastructure for the

11   provision of broadband service at a minimum download speed of 25 megabits per

12   second and a minimum upload speed of 3 megabits per second.".

13   **4.** Page 859, line 15: on lines 15 and 16, delete "(ab)" and substitute "(ac)".

14   **5.** Page 859, line 18: on lines 18 and 19, delete "(ad)" and substitute "(af)".

15   **6.** Page 859, line 22: after that line insert:

16   "SECTION **1695p.** 196.504 (1) (ae) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ak).

17   SECTION **1695r.** 196.504 (1) (ah) of the statutes is created to read:

18   196.504 **(1)** (ah) "Phase II support" means the federal communications

19   commission's 2nd phase of support for rural broadband deployment from the federal

20   Connect America Fund that is made to telecommunications utilities regulated as

21   price cap carriers by the federal communications commission.".

22   **7.** Page 859, line 23: delete the material beginning with that line and ending

23   with page 860, line 5.

24   **8.** Page 860, line 7: delete lines 7 to 11 and substitute:

"196.504 **(2)** (a) To make broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas designated under par. (d). 1 2 3

(2m) Grants awarded under this section shall be paid from the ~~appropriation~~ appropriations under s. 20.155 (3) (a), (r). ~~In each fiscal year, the total amount of the grants may not exceed $1,500,000,~~ and (rm). Not less than 85 percent of the grants awarded in a fiscal year shall be for the construction of broadband infrastructure in counties with populations of 65,000 or less. 4 5 6 7 8

SECTION 1698m. 196.504 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read: 9

196.504 **(2)** (am)   To make broadband expansion grants to organizations specified in sub. (1) (ad) 1., telecommunications utilities, or political subdivisions for project planning related to broadband infrastructure construction in underserved areas designated under par. (d).". 10 11 12 13

9. Page 860, line 16: after "those providers." insert "The criteria shall give first priority to projects for areas in which no broadband service is available.". 14 15

10. Page 860, line 17: before "priority" insert "secondary". 16

11. Page 860, line 18: delete "that affect" and substitute "~~that affect~~". 17

12. Page 860, line 19: delete "unserved areas, that" and substitute ", that". 18

13. Page 861, line 5: delete lines 5 and 6. 19

14. Page 861, line 6: after that line insert: 20

"**SECTION 1699t.** 196.504 (2m) of the statutes is created to read: 21

1   196.504 **(2m)** Biennially, beginning on January 1, 2019, the legislative audit

2 bureau shall conduct a performance evaluation audit of the broadband expansion

3 grant program under sub. (2).".

4   **(END)**