



Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association

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Concerns With The KanEd Bill

1. The KCTA will be unable to endorse the bill with the language on P. 3 seeking a set funding level.
2. Confused at the KAMS and State Library language in the bill.
3. We continue to question the necessity for KanEd to “assist schools, libraries and hospitals.... to connect to a commercially provided broadband internet connection” (P.9)
4. Page 11 lists the functions of a KanEd bureaucracy. 5A states that KanEd would collect data regarding “broadband internet usage by each school, hospital and library in the program. If its only a distance learning program, and not a state network, then why the need to collect data on broadband usage if they are using commercial internet.
5. What are the particulars of the role of KanEd “transitioning” members to commercial internet? (P. 12)
6. We would urge the Committee to include the JCIT as a required committee to receive a KanEd report in 2013.
7. Greatest concern, however, is the language on P. 13 related to funding for members of the program.



KanEd Proposal

1. Generally there should be **NO state involvement in broadband** either through a “needs assessment” or through a subsidy program.
2. In the event that an eligible member is located in an area that is deemed an “**unserved**” area for broadband (no provider offering broadband services with speeds equivalent to the current T-1 KanEd offering), **the state shall assist that member obtain broadband service.**
3. Either the Board of Regents, KanEd or KanRen **shall provide assistance to eligible members for e-rate filing for broadband services/expenses.** The e-rate reimbursement shall be made available to the eligible member/end-user.
4. Due to a profound state interest, either the BoR, KanEd, or KanRen shall invite eligible members to participate in a needs assessment program for the purposes of making available a state-managed distance learning program. **For eligible members who desire such services, the state shall make available the use of a state-managed distance learning program.**
5. **The Legislature shall set policy** as to whether the distance learning network shall be a partially-subsidized program, fully-subsidized program, a fee-for-service program or a combination thereof.
6. **All funding for the existing KanEd Program shall cease on December 31, 2012.**