

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Utilities** recommends **HB 2618**, as amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 25, after "(b)" by inserting "(1)"; in line 26, after "central" by inserting ":

(A)";

Also on page 1, in line 27, by striking the period and inserting "; and

(B) point of contact for cities, counties and federal programs regarding broadband deployment in the state.

(2)";

Also on page 1, in line 28, after "with" by inserting ":

(A)";

Also on page 1, in line 29, by striking all after "program"; in line 30, by striking all before the period and inserting "; and

(B) any federal agencies or broadband programs to coordinate information, grant programs and facilitate broadband deployment in the state";

On page 2, in line 33, after "provider" by inserting ":

(A)";

Also on page 2, also in line 33, by striking the comma and inserting "or"; also in line 33, by striking "or" and inserting "broadband internet service in the proposed project area, the office shall deny a grant for the challenged project; or

(B)";

On page 4, following line 7, by inserting:

"(j) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2025."; and the bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson