

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 80** SLS 26RS 265

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Broadband Services		

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS

REF NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides for the regulation of certain broadband services. (8/1/26)

Proposed law increases the allowable administrative cost cap for the federal grant awarded to OBDC through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF). Proposed law increases the administration costs that OBDC can charge to the grant from 1% to 2.5%. Additionally, proposed law allows OBDC to hire third party contractors as deemed necessary for the further administration of the GUMBO program from 1% to 2.5% of the granted funds. Proposed law allows OBDC to promulgate rules to specify thresholds of completion, and when to collect payments. Proposed law retains that final payment shall not be due until an approved completion report is received. Additionally, proposed law provides for grant solicitation and awards for GUMBO 3.0. The proposed law allows OBDC to withhold only the final payment until the provider remedies the damage during a Gumbo 2.0 project. Finally, the proposed law clarifies the process for releasing the final payment once the damage has been remedied.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law increases the allowable administrative cost cap for the federal grant awarded to the Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity (OBDC) through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund (CPF). Currently, administration costs for the GUMBO programs are allowed to be charged to the CPF but are limited to a total of 2%, approximately \$3.5 M. Proposed law increases this to 5%, approximately \$8.9 M, that would be eligible to be charged to the CPF. The additional funding will be utilized in FY 27 to fund expenses related to sub-grantee monitoring and compliance prior to the grant's expiration on 12/31/26.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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