

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

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COMMERCE: Urges and requests removal of public and private sector barriers to accelerate the expansion of broadband in the state

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission to identify
3 public and private sector barriers to effective broadband expansion in the state and
4 provide recommendations to the legislative committees on commerce on how to
5 remove those barriers.

6 WHEREAS, access to high-speed broadband is a necessity for families, businesses,
7 and consumers, a key competitive factor for economic development, education, and quality
8 of life, and vital to full participation in economic, educational, political, and social life; and

9 WHEREAS, many areas of this state do not have access to high-speed broadband;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, citizens and businesses without access to high-speed broadband suffer
12 the practical and economic consequences of this lack of access; and

13 WHEREAS, a lack of high-speed broadband in the state impedes intrastate
14 transactions and communications and interstate commerce; and

15 WHEREAS, expeditious expansion of high-speed broadband in the state is necessary
16 in order to overcome the practical and economic consequences of the current lack of access;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, various barriers are created by the public and private sectors, which stall
19 the expeditious expansion that the state's citizens and economy need; and

1 WHEREAS, the removal of those barriers would benefit Louisiana families,
2 businesses, consumers, educational institutions, and students and allow for a more robust and
3 better connected economy.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 urge and request the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission to identify public
6 and private sector barriers which impede the expeditious expansion of high-speed broadband
7 in the state and make recommendations on how to remove these barriers.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana
9 Commission submit a report of its findings to the House Committee on Commerce and the
10 Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs on or
11 before January 1, 2021.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission within the office of the governor.

DIGEST

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Requests the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission to identify public and private sector barriers to effective broadband expansion in the state, provide recommendations on how to remove those barriers, and to submit their findings to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs on or before January 1, 2021.