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S.P. 735

In Senate, February 26, 2004

**Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission To Implement
Universal Rural Broadband Internet Access Statewide**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HALL of Lincoln.

2 **Sec. 1. Directing Public Utilities Commission to implement universal**
3 **rural broadband Internet access statewide. Resolved:** That the Public
4 Utilities Commission shall develop and implement a plan to
5 provide universal rural broadband Internet access statewide by
6 January 15, 2006; and be it further

7 **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That the Public
8 Utilities Commission shall report on its plan and the status of
9 implementation to any policy-making body established in state law
10 to direct a coordinated effort to develop, streamline and oversee
11 the State's economic development policy and specific efforts to
12 retain and attract young people and to the joint standing
13 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
14 telecommunications matters no later than September 8, 2005 and
15 every 6 months thereafter until implementation is complete.

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SUMMARY

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21 This resolve directs the Public Utilities Commission to
22 develop a plan to implement universal rural broadband Internet
23 access statewide by January 15, 2006. The Public Utilities
24 Commission is directed to report on this initiative no later than
September 8, 2005 and every 6 months thereafter until
implementation is complete.