

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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No. 1563

S.P. 498

In Senate, April 16, 2019

### **An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and  
Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CAIAZZO of  
Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESSLER of South  
Portland, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to establish the Maine Broadband Initiative to encourage, promote,  
6 stimulate, invest in and support universal high-speed broadband to unserved and  
7 underserved areas of the State. The bill would also establish the Maine Broadband  
8 Initiative Fund to provide ongoing funding for high-speed broadband through funding  
9 sources that would be identified in the bill.