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L.D. 1484

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(Filing No. S-249)

MINORITY

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 477, L.D. 1484, "An Act To Enhance the ConnectMaine Authority's Capacity To Provide World-class Internet"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Facilitate the Expansion of Broadband Infrastructure and Access in Rural Areas of the State That Are Unserved or Underserved'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund; stimulus funding. Resolved: That the Legislature shall allocate to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9211-A, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in funding derived from funds provided to the State by the Federal Government pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, to the extent those federal funds are eligible to be used for the purposes of that fund.

Sec. 2. ConnectMaine Authority; stimulus funding. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the ConnectMaine Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9203, shall expend any federal funds allocated by the Legislature pursuant to section 1 to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund, established in Title 35-A, section 9211-A, to provide grants and to engage in other activities, consistent with its authority under Title 35-A, section 9205, designed to expand broadband infrastructure and broadband access in rural areas of the State that are unserved or underserved areas, as identified by the ConnectMaine Authority. As used in this section, "unserved or underserved area" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 9202, subsection 5.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONNECTMAINE AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund Z196

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 477, L.D. 1484 (S-249)

1 Initiative: Provides allocation for funding derived from the federal American Rescue Plan
2 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

3	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE	2021-22	2022-23
4	FISCAL RECOVERY		
5	All Other	\$149,999,500	\$500
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7	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE	\$149,999,500	\$500
8	FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL		

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10 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
11 number to read consecutively.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment changes the title of the bill and changes it to a resolve. It directs the
14 Legislature to allocate to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund a
15 maximum of \$150,000,000 in federal funding provided to the State pursuant to the federal
16 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. It directs the ConnectMaine Authority to expend such
17 allocated federal funds to provide grants and to engage in other activities designed to
18 expand broadband infrastructure and broadband access in rural areas of the State that are
19 unserved or underserved areas. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 (See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1484

LR 1519(03)

An Act To Enhance the ConnectMaine Authority's Capacity To Provide World-class Internet

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-249)
 Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP	\$149,999,500	\$500	\$500	\$500
State Fiscal Recovery				

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve directs that \$150,000,000 from funds provided to the State by the Federal Government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2 be allocated to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund within the ConnectMaine Authority. The resolve also directs the ConnectMaine Authority to use the funding to provide grants and other activities designed to expand broadband infrastructure and broadband access.