

HB 2617 -- RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

SPONSOR: Trent

This bill declares that the expansion of broadband services to be within the best interests of the citizens of Missouri and a public purpose. In furtherance of expanding broadband throughout Missouri, the bill states the intent of the General Assembly to encourage agreements between various parties and rural electric cooperatives to expand rural broadband services. This bill does not grant the Public Service Commission jurisdiction over any contract or agreement that it would not otherwise have, nor does it diminish the rights of property owners under the laws of this state.

This bill is similar to SB 980 and HB 1880 (2018).