

HCS HB 1162 -- RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS FUNDING (Riggs)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Utilities

This bill requires the Department of Economic Development to maintain a record of all federal grants awarded to entities for the purposes of providing, maintaining, and expanding rural broadband in the state of Missouri. In cases in which funds have been retained, withheld or not distributed due to failure to meet performance standards or other criteria, the department must seek to have the funds awarded to another eligible, qualified Missouri broadband provider.