

HB 774 -- INTERNET ACCESS FOR UNDERSERVED AREAS

SPONSOR: Johnson

This bill requires the Department of Economic Development to implement a program to increase high-speed internet access in underserved areas of the state. The Department may use discretion in choosing the method of the program but must provide high-speed internet to as many residents who do not have high-speed internet access as quickly as possible, with preference given to those who have no internet access. The Department may provide the high-speed internet access itself or contract with an entity to do so.

This bill contains an emergency clause.