

HCS HCR 38 -- BROADBAND EQUITY, ACCESS, AND DEPLOYMENT FUNDS

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Rural Issues by a vote of 11 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HCR 38.

This concurrent resolution urges the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to allow Missouri to continue to use Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment funds previously awarded to the State.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that broadband internet service is no longer a luxury, but has become a necessity. The Federal funding awarded to Missouri should be deployed within Missouri as was promised.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Riggs; Missouri Farm Bureau; and Missouri Electric Cooperatives.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.