



APPENDIX A

AB 1665 CHANGES TO CASF PROGRAM

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- Extends the date of the CASF goal from 2015 to 2022 and modifies the goal to approve funding for broadband infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98 percent of California households in each consortia region, as identified by the Commission as of January 1, 2017, instead of just 98 percent statewide.
- Creates the Broadband Adoption Account within CASF and eliminates the Loan Account.
- Authorizes the Commission to collect up to \$330 million beginning January 1, 2018 through the 2022 calendar year, in an amount not to exceed \$66 million dollars per year. Requires the \$330 million collected to be allocated, as follows:
 - \$300 million into the Infrastructure Account (“Line Extension” \$5 million included)
 - \$10 million into the Consortia Account
 - \$20 million into the Broadband Adoption Account
- Codifies that the CASF program should be technologically neutral—requires the Commission to recognize that broadband advanced communication services include both wireline and wireless technologies.
- Requires the Commission to identify unserved rural and urban areas (areas with speeds below 6 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload) and delineate the areas in the annual reports prepared pursuant to Section 914.7.
- Requires the Commission to consult regional consortia, stakeholders, and consumers regarding priority areas and cost-effective strategies to achieve the broadband access goal through public workshops conducted at least annually no later than April 30 of each year.
- Requires the Commission to offer annually existing facility-based broadband providers the opportunity to demonstrate that they will provide broadband access at speeds at or above 10 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload to delineated unserved areas within 180 days and prohibits the Commission from approving funding for a project in those areas.
- Requires the provider to provide the Commission with information to demonstrate what progress has been made or challenges faced in completing the deployment if the existing facility-based broadband provider is unable to

complete the deployment of broadband within the delineated unserved area within 180 days.

- Requires projects eligible for grant awards to meet both of the following requirements: (a) deploy infrastructure capable of providing broadband access at speeds of a minimum of 10 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream and 1 Mbps upstream to unserved households in census blocks where no provider offers access at speeds of 6 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream; and (b) all or a significant portion of the project deploys last-mile infrastructure to provide service to unserved households.
- Specifies that until July 1, 2020, the project is not located in a census block where an existing facility-based broadband provider has accepted federal funds for broadband deployment from Phase II of the Connect America Fund (CAF II), unless the existing facility-based broadband provider has notified the Commission before July 1, 2020, that it has completed its CAF deployment in the census block.
- Requires that upon the accomplishment of the 98 percent goal as specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b),¹ not more than \$30 million of the moneys remaining the Infrastructure Grant Account be available for infrastructure projects that provide last-mile broadband access to households to which no facility-based broadband provider offers broadband service at speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.
- Requires an individual household or property owner to be eligible to apply for a grant to offset the costs of connecting the household or property to an existing or proposed facility-based provider.
- Authorizes the Commission to award grants to fund all or a portion of the project on a case-by-case basis, with consideration for specified factors.
- Changes Consortia eligibility to require that monies in the Consortia Account are available and utilized for assisting infrastructure applicants in the project development and/or grant application process.
- Requires each consortium conduct an annual audit of its expenditures and submit to the Commission an annual report.
- Authorizes a publicly supported community eligible for funding via the Public Housing Account to submit an application for funding from the

¹ Section 281 (b)(1)(A) states, "The goal of the program is, no later than December 31, 2022, to approve funding for infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98 percent of California households in each consortia region, as identified by the commission on or before January 1, 2017. The commission shall be responsible for achieving the goals of the program."

Infrastructure and/or Broadband Adoption Accounts, only after all funds available for the Public Housing Account have been awarded.

- Requires that moneys in the Broadband Adoption (Adoption) Account are to be available to the Commission to award grants for digital literacy training programs and public education and outreach programs to increase broadband adoption by consumers in low-income, disadvantaged communities, senior communities, schools, and public libraries.
- Requires the Commission develop, by June 30, 2018, criteria for awarding grants and a process and methodology for verifying outcomes. Requires the Commission to accept applications for grants from the Adoption Account no later than July 1, 2018.

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