

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1124
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Impact:	See analysis below

Research Analysis

HB 1124, as introduced, directs the Corporation Commission, with participation from the Rural Broadband Expansion Council, to promulgate rules and procedures establishing the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program. The program would include a competitive grant program to award funding to applicants seeking to expand access to broadband internet service. The measure also creates a revolving fund for the grant program.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to officials at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the fiscal impact of HB 1124 cannot fully be determined yet. The legislation would require the OCC to develop rules, the grant program itself, hire managers and evaluators, post testing, and fund management and payment processes. Currently, OCC has a similar fund management which costs the agency about \$1,000,000 a year to administer. As the OCC is an appropriated agency, it would likely need additional State appropriations to cover most, if not all of the additional \$1,000,000 or more it would need to administer the grant program. Therefore the State's budget and appropriations would be affected.

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Other Considerations

None.