

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1124
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

HB 1124 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.

Senate Amendments to HB 1124 give responsibility for administration of the program to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Floor Amendment to HB 1124 requires that the Oklahoma Department of Commerce along with the Rural Broadband Expansion Council establish rules and procedures creating the State Broadband Deployment Grant Program. The Department believes that the additional work created in this measure long with other measures under consideration by the 1st Session of the 58th Legislature dealing with broadband regulation and use will require the hiring of one additional Full Time Employee. The Department believes that salary and benefits will be about \$85,000 total.

The Senate amendments do not change the fiscal impact of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.