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S. 2582

To establish a grant program to support broadband-based economic development efforts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2004

Mrs. CLINTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To establish a grant program to support broadband-based economic development efforts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GRANTS FOR BROADBAND-BASED ECONOMIC**
4 **DEVELOPMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Public Works and
6 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141 et
7 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 214. GRANTS FOR BROADBAND-BASED ECONOMIC DE-**
9 **VELOPMENT.**

10 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.—The term ‘eligible
2 applicant’ means—

3 “(A) a State or local government;

4 “(B) an institution of higher education; or

5 “(C) a nonprofit economic development or-
6 ganization.

7 “(2) REGION.—The term ‘region’ means an
8 area—

9 “(A) that is determined by the Secretary
10 to qualify for grants under this section; and

11 “(B) that, on the date of submission of an
12 application for a grant under this section, meets
13 1 or more of the criteria described in section
14 301(a).

15 “(b) GRANTS.—On the application of an eligible ap-
16 plicant, the Secretary may make grants—

17 “(1) to assess the telecommunications infra-
18 structure of a region;

19 “(2) to assess the telecommunications demand
20 in a region; and

21 “(3) to organize programs to boost the supply
22 of high-speed telecommunications to a region, in-
23 cluding demand aggregation programs.

24 “(c) CRITERIA FOR GRANT.—The Secretary may
25 make a grant under this section only if the Secretary de-

1 terminates that the project proposed to be carried out using
 2 funds from the grant will advance high-speed tele-
 3 communications in an area with a population of not more
 4 than 1,000,000 individuals, as determined by the Office
 5 of Management and Budget.

6 “(d) MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE FOR EACH REGION.—
 7 Not more than \$1,000,000 of the amounts made available
 8 to carry out this section may be expended in any 1 region.

9 “(e) COST SHARING.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the
 11 cost of a project carried out using funds made avail-
 12 able under this section shall be 50 percent.

13 “(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not more than
 14 50 percent of the non-Federal share of the cost of
 15 a project carried out using funds made available
 16 under this section may be provided through in-kind
 17 contributions.

18 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN SECTION.—
 19 Section 204 shall not apply to this section.

20 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
 22 \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
 24 tents contained in section 1(b) of the Public Works and
 25 Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121

- 1 note) is amended by inserting after the item relating to
- 2 section 213 the following:

“Sec. 214. Grants for broadband-based economic development.”.

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