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# Fiscal Note

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| <b>Drafting Number:</b> | LLS 22-0833                                  | <b>Date:</b>           | March 22, 2022  |
| <b>Prime Sponsors:</b>  | Rep. Titone; Baisley<br>Sen. Bridges; Priola | <b>Bill Status:</b>    | House Trans. & Local Govt.                            |
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**Bill Topic:** **BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT BOARD GRANT PROCESSES**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue                | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill updates the process for awarding broadband stimulus grants to be consistent with federal regulations. It may increase state revenue and expenditures beginning in FY 2022-23.

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**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The General Assembly created a process in 2021 for the Broadband Deployment Board in the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to award broadband stimulus grants using funds received as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The bill codifies current practice by updating the grant program's requirements to align with finalized federal regulations. It also reduces the notice and comment period from 60 days to 30 days, allows for project extensions in the event of supply chain disruptions, directs the board to review previously denied applications for compliance with new regulations, and permits applicants to appeal the board's decisions in district court.

## State Revenue and Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2022-23, workload in OIT may increase to review denied applications. To the extent that board decisions are appealed, workload will also increase. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Revenue and expenditures may increase in the district court of the City and County of Denver to hear appellate cases. The number of cases filed is expected to be minimal, and no change in appropriations is required. Civil filing fees are subject to TABOR.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Information Technology