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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-018

101 **CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL**
102 **GOVERNMENTS TO ENACT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE PRIVATE**
103 **INVESTMENT IN BROADBAND ALLOWING FOR INCREASED HIGHER**
104 **SPEEDS AND COMPETITION IN THE NETWORK VIDEO SERVICE**
105 **PROVIDER MARKET.**

1 WHEREAS, Delays in public decision-making regarding
2 broadband policies jeopardize private investment in broadband, causing
3 uncertainty in providing competitive broadband alternatives to
4 Coloradans; and

5 WHEREAS, It is in the public interest for state and local
6 governments to move quickly and judiciously in promoting more
7 competition and encouraging private investment in broadband; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, A robust broadband network will provide consumers
2 with a greater selection of network video service providers, resulting in
3 competitive choices and prices in broadband service providers; and

4 WHEREAS, Consumers will benefit from state and local
5 governments engaging with private industry to encourage private
6 investment by removing financial and statutory obstacles, allowing new
7 entrants into the market to compete with incumbent providers; now,
8 therefore,

9 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
10 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

11 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
12 urge state and local governments to enact appropriate policies to remove
13 barriers to broadband and video competition, allowing for more private
14 investment in broadband networks to flow into the state; and

15 (2) That further legislation to remove outdated regulations may be
16 needed in order to accomplish this goal.

17 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
18 to the commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission and
19 the boards of county commissioners and city council members from each
20 county and city in the state.