COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1437 (2023)

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE	ACTION			
ADOPTED	(Y/N)			
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	(Y/N)			
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	(Y/N)			
FAILED TO ADOPT	(Y/N)			
WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)			
OTHER				
Committee/Subcommittee hear	ing bill:	Energy,	Communications	&
Cybersecurity Subcommittee				

Representative Esposito offered the following:

Amendment

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Remove lines 22-72 and insert:

7 Department of Economic Opportunity under s. 288.9962 or pursuant

8 to a federal broadband access grant program implemented by the

9 Department of Economic Opportunity is confidential and exempt

10 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution

11 if such information is not otherwise publicly available and the

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12 <u>release of such information would reveal:</u>
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13 <u>a. The location or capacity of communications network</u> 14 <u>facilities;</u>

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15	b. Communications network areas, including geographical				
16	maps indicating actual or proposed locations of network				
17	infrastructure or facilities;				
18	c. The features, functions, and capabilities of				
19	communications network infrastructure and facilities;				
20	d. Security, including cybersecurity, of the design,				
21	1 construction, and operation of the communications network and				
22	2 <u>associated services and products;</u>				
23	e. Specific customer locations; or				
24	f. Sources of funding or in-kind contributions for a				
25	25 project.				
26	2. This exemption does not apply to any required functions				
27	of the department under s. 288.9962 relating to publishing a				
28	description of the proposed unserved areas to be served and the				
29	29 proposed broadband Internet speeds of the areas to be served as				
30	provided by the applicant and approved by the department.				
31	3. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset				
32	Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed				
33	on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal				
34	through reenactment by the Legislature.				
35	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public				
36	necessity that certain information relating to communications				
37	services locations, project proposals, and challenges submitted				
38	to the Department of Economic Opportunity under the Broadband				
39	Opportunity Program or pursuant to a federal broadband access				
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40	grant program implemented by the department be made confidential
41	and exempt from public records requirements. Such information
42	contains security information and proprietary business
43	information of communications services providers. The disclosure
44	of sensitive information relating to the location, capacity,
45	features, functions, and security of these networks could result
46	in the identification of vulnerabilities in such networks and
47	allow a security breach that could damage the networks or
48	disrupt the networks' safe and reliable operation, adversely
49	impacting the public health and safety of this state. Further,
50	the disclosure of such information would adversely affect the
51	business interests and compromise the network security of the
52	communications services providers and their networks. Therefore,
53	the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that certain
54	information relating to communications services locations,
55	project proposals, and challenges submitted to the Department of
56	Economic Opportunity under the Broadband Opportunity Program or
57	pursuant to a federal broadband access grant program implemented
58	by the department be held confidential and exempt from
59	disclosure under s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
60	Article I of the State Constitution.
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