

HOUSE BILL 323

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PERSONS LIVING IN LOW-POPULATION AREAS OR ON INDIAN NATION, TRIBE OR PUEBLO LAND TO HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE BROADBAND SERVICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the office of broadband access and expansion for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years to assist low-income persons to have access to affordable broadband service when those persons live in an unincorporated area or in a city, a town or an incorporated area with a population of twenty thousand or less as reflected in the most recent federal decennial census; on land within the exterior boundaries of a

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1 reservation or pueblo grant of an Indian nation, tribe or
2 pueblo; or on land held in trust by the United States for an
3 Indian nation, tribe or pueblo. Any unexpended balance
4 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
5 general fund.

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