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Bill (Sponsor)	Topic	(% Progress) Status
EXPANDING BROADBAND		
SB 154,	Relating to the creation of the broadband office within the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the establishment of a broadband service investment grant program.	Referred to <u>Senate</u> <u>Committee</u>
<u>SB 5</u> <u>HB 5</u>	Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas and the need for a council to research, assess and study progress toward expanding broadband access in rural and underserved areas; technology trends, and impacts of expanded access on economic development.	SB: Placed in Intent Calendar, Senate Committee HB: Referred to House Committee
SB 1682 (Hancock)	Relating to the funding of utility reliability projects by the Texas Water Development Board and other entities; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, granting rulemaking authority, and making an appropriation for more reliable utilities including water, waste water, broadband etc.	(25) Referred to Senate Committee
HB 145	Relating to the use of the universal service fund for the provision of broadband service in underserved rural areas.	(25%) pending in House Committee
HB 3853 SB 1650	Relating to middle mile broadband service provided by an electric utility—namely the attachment for broadband service to utility polls owned by electric cooperatives.	(25%) HB: Scheduled for public hearing, House Committee
SB507 HB 2531	Relating to an accommodation process authorizing the use of state highway rights-of-way by broadband-only providers.	Placed on Intent Calendar
HB 1511	Relating to the creation of the connectivity office within the office of the governor.	House Committee
<u>HB 1751</u>	Relating to provision of broadband infrastructure and connectivity by the Lower Colorado River Authority.	Reported favorably
HB 1715 SB632	Relating to certain contracting requirements for the provision of broadband Internet access service to governmental entities.	Reported favorably
<u>SB1799</u>	Relating to the creation of a broadband Internet connectivity and broadband access grant program to facilitate instruction and learning for public school students.	Referred to <u>Senate</u> <u>Committee</u>