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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 560, L.D. 826, Bill, “An Act To Promote Maine's Economic Development and Critical Communications for Rural Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investments in High-speed Internet”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CONNECTME AUTHORITY
ConnectME Fund N223**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding starting in fiscal year 2016-17 for planning grants and to increase the deployment of broadband service.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment provides an ongoing appropriation of \$1,000,000 annually from the General Fund to the ConnectMe Authority to be used for planning grants and to increase the deployment of broadband service.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT