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127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” 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 amendment by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 15 to 24 in amendment) 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 in Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook and Washington counties.

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that the funding provided to the ConnectME Authority is to be used for the deployment of broadband service in Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Aroostook and Washington counties.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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