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**LD 1107**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**  
Offered by Senator Stewart

Amend the Title to read: **Resolve, Directing the Maine Connectivity Authority to Take Further Actions to Bring High Speed Broadband to Unserved Areas**

**Sec. 1. Regional partnership strategies; Resolved:** That the Maine Connectivity Authority shall seek to encourage and support regional partnerships among appropriate entities to identify and implement strategies to bring high speed broadband to unserved areas of the State. The strategies must involve approaches and models that recognize and address population densities and the high cost of providing service to low density areas; ensure the inclusion of services to all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged populations, within the area, commonly referred to as “digital inclusion”; and ensure the capacity of relevant communities to undertake a comprehensive approach to bringing broadband to the area. The strategies must involve consideration of requirements to receive available funding for expanding high speed broadband connectivity as well as the critical nature of providing the connectivity in a timeframe that meets the needs of the area.

**Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved:** The Maine Connectivity Authority shall, by January 15, 2023, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology any federally approved plans for funding the activities described in Section 1, including from the United States Department of the Treasury’s Capital Projects Fund or the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program funded by the Broadband Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Maine Connectivity Authority to:

1. Encourage regional partnerships among appropriate entities to identify and implement strategies to bring high speed broadband to unserved areas of the State; and
2. Report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology any federally approved plans for funding these activities, including

through the United States Department of the Treasury's Capital Projects Fund or the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program funded by the Broadband Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act.