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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](https://www.nmlegis.gov/AgencyAnalysis) and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: February 5, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB51 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Appropriation **Agency Name and Code Number:** Office of Broadband Access and Expansion - 36100
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
\$3,000	0	Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Unknown	Unknown	unknown			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: HB2
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: HB2

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill appropriates \$3 million to build communication infrastructure in Dona Ana, Hidalgo, and Luna counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Infrastructure construction projects are multiple year endeavors. Depending on the location of the project, it can take a year or more to obtain necessary permits and rights of way.

This appropriation reverts after only one year, providing insufficient time for any funded project to be completed.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Various state and federal programs are funding on-going broadband, cellular, and other communication infrastructure projects in Hidalgo, Luna, and Dona Ana counties.

The DFA will need to verify funding commitments before issuing awards, in order to avoid overbuilds.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Communications infrastructure projects may be subject to mandatory reporting to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL
AMENDMENTS**