Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 1503 HB	**Title:** Digital equity

Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of the Governor	0	0	1,192,000	0	0	1,174,000	0	0	1,174,000
Total $	**0**	**0**	**1,192,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,174,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,174,000**

Agency Name	2025-27		2027-29		2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Office of the Governor	3.5	0	0	1,192,000	3.5	0	0	1,174,000	3.5	0	0	1,174,000
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Commerce	1.4	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)	1.4	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)	1.4	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)
Washington Technology Solutions	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	1.0	0	0	295,540	1.0	0	0	295,540	1.0	0	0	295,540
Superintendent of Public Instruction	.0	7,000	7,000	7,000	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Transportation	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total $	**5.9**	**(201,110)**	**(201,110)**	**1,286,430**	**5.9**	**(208,110)**	**(208,110)**	**1,261,430**	**5.9**	**(208,110)**	**(208,110)**	**1,261,430**

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

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Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Office of the Governor	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Commerce	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Washington Technology Solutions	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Superintendent of Public Instruction	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Transportation	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Community and Technical College System	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total $	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Total									
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 075-Office of the Governor

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Gov Central Service Account-State 462-1	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000
Total $	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Account					
Gov Central Service Account-State 462-1	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000
Total $	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

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☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 6:

- Transitions responsibility for developing and monitoring the State Digital Equity Plan and relevant reporting requirements to the Office of Equity.
- Requires the Office of Equity to conduct, in coordination with the Department of Commerce, an outreach effort to hard-to-reach communities and low-income communities across the state to provide information about broadband and digital equity programs available to consumers in these communities and assist consumers in enrolling in these programs.
- Gives the Office of Equity oversight over the Digital Equity Dashboard.

Section 7:

- Designates the Office of Equity as the sole agency required to staff the Digital Equity Forum.
- Allows members of the Digital Equity Forum to receive community compensation.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The Office of Equity currently performs this digital equity work through an interagency agreement with the Department of Commerce. With the passage of this legislation, such funding would be shifted from the Department of Commerce to the Office of Equity as a direct appropriation.

Salaries and Benefits:

- 1.0 FTE - Digital Equity Program Managers at $144,000/year (salaries and benefits) - This position will work with state agencies, the community, Statewide Business Resource Groups (BRGs), and advocacy groups to identify barriers and improve access to digital platforms and resources. Facilitate statewide conversations around enhancing program development and planning, partnership building, and ongoing evaluation of digital equity initiatives. The incumbent will provide expertise and direction to the Digital Equity Forum and the Office of Equity's Access and Accessibility bench in support of the development and maintenance of the Universal Access & Belonging Plan.

- 1.0 FTE - Digital Equity Tribal Liaison at $132,000/year (salaries and benefits) - This position will bridge tribal communities and equity initiatives, ensuring compliance with government-to-government relationships with Indian Tribes. This role integrates tribal perspectives into broader equity strategies, ensuring that these initiatives are inclusive and respectful of tribal sovereignty, community protocols, and cultural values. To achieve this, the role: 1. Collaborates and consults with tribal leaders, government agencies & enterprises, communities, and technology providers to address equity disparities and promote inclusivity in the equity landscape. 2. Leads enterprise-wide collaboration, facilitates forums, and fosters community engagement to drive impactful equity initiatives.

- 0.5 FTE - Communications Specialist at $130,000/year (salaries and benefits) - This position will develop and execute communications strategy and content that speaks to the Office of Equity's digital equity initiatives, coordinate communications projects that maximize the effectiveness of digital systems as a tool for messaging and advise on information and programs to build understanding at the state and community level of how to communicate with the Office of Equity and connect to digital equity programs and initiatives.

- 0.5 FTE - Digital Equity Analyst at $130,000/year (salaries and benefits) - This position will focus on assessing and enhancing the accountability and impact of digital equity initiatives. This role evaluates the effectiveness and outcomes of digital equity programs, ensuring transparency, fairness, and positive societal impact. Responsibilities encompass both assessing compliance with established policies and evaluating the impact and effectiveness of programs and projects.

- 0.5 FTE - Administrative Specialist at $100,000/year (salaries and benefits) - This position provides administrative support directly for the digital equity program and related staff.

Goods and services: Based on average employee costs, the Office requires ongoing funding for supplies and materials, communications and telecommunications services, lease space, training, software licensing and maintenance at $3,000 per year, per FTE.

Travel: Based on average employee travel in FY 2019, the Office requests ongoing funding for travel associated with this position at $4,000 per year, per FTE.

Capital Outlays: The Office requests one-time funding for purchasing equipment for working remotely at $5,000 per FTE.

Shared Service Costs: The Office of Financial Management provides administrative support for the Office of Financial Management, Office of the Governor, and Office of Independent Investigations. These services include IT support, budget and accounting services, facilities support, and human resource assistance. To fund these shared services, each budgeted FTE is assessed an ongoing cost of $30,000 and 0.22 of an FTE.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
462-1	Gov Central Service Account	State	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000
		Total $	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
A-Salaries and Wages	345,000	345,000	690,000	690,000	690,000
B-Employee Benefits	112,000	112,000	224,000	224,000	224,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	11,000	11,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
G-Travel	14,000	14,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
J-Capital Outlays	18,000		18,000		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	105,000	105,000	210,000	210,000	210,000
9-					
Total $	605,000	587,000	1,192,000	1,174,000	1,174,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Admin Specialist	73,000	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Communications Specialist	98,000	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Digital Equity Analyst	98,000	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Digital Equity Program Manager	110,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Digital Equity Tribal Liason	100,000	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) has reviewed this bill and determined it will not increase or decrease the current workloads, therefore, no fiscal impact to OSOS.

House Bill 1503 adds the State Library Agency to the definition of a "community anchor institution." This inclusion allows the State Library to be a recognized entity for potential coordination efforts and specifies the State Librarian as a possible collaborator in the Digital Equity Forum, as appointed by the Washington State Broadband Office. While the Washington State Broadband Office may seek participation from the State Librarian or their representative in the Forum, this involvement can be managed within existing resources. The bill does not introduce any additional duties or responsibilities for OSOS.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No Impact.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No Impact.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No Impact.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Revised

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 103-Department of Commerce

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)
Total $	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 4(1)(b) amends RCW 43.330.534 to require the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) to coordinate with "relevant state agencies" and "community anchor institutions on "broadband adoption" among existing power and duties of WSBO.
This added language broadens the scope of stakeholders and partners that WSBO must engage with as the state's central broadband planning body.

Section 4(5) is removed which referred to the WSBO's responsibility to coordinate an outreach effort to hard-to-reach and low-income communities across the state to provide information about broadband programs available to their consumers. This outreach effort requires providing information to applicable communities about the federal Lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit programs.

Section 4(5) is replaced to require WSBO to collaborate with federally recognized tribes and all relevant state agencies in carrying out its purpose.

This new language will broaden the scope of WSBO's collaboration with tribes and lists specifically the Washington State Office of Equity and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Section 4(5) also requires WSBO to provide the Office of Equity with data about broadband adoption and digital equity programs to assist the Office of Equity in monitoring and implementing a state digital equity plan. This requirement broadens the scope of WSBO's duties.

Section 5 amends RCW 43.330.536 to update the state's speed goals to align with the deployment of federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) resources.

Section 6(1) amends RCW 43.330.539 to require the Office of Equity as the primary entity responsible for encouraging, fostering, developing, and improving digital equity by facilitating the provision of digital devices and services to individuals and communities in Washington in coordination with WSBO.
This new language intends to designate the Office of Equity as the oversight body for the digital navigator grants.

Section 6(2) adds new language directing the Office of Equity to coordinate with the WSBO and the Department of Commerce (Department) for an outreach effort to hard-to-reach communities and low-income communities across the state to provide information about broadband and digital equity programs available to consumers of these communities and assist consumers in enrolling in these programs. The outreach effort must include, but is not limited to, providing information to applicable communities about the federal lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit programs and must facilitate relationship building and the communication of lived experience to amplify local efforts and identify continuing needs. The Office of Equity shall review the outreach effort annually. The Office of Equity shall coordinate with state boards and commissions that support the participation of people from underrepresented populations in policy-making processes and may otherwise coordinate or contract with public or private entities, including conduct outreach to communities and assisting consumers and program enrollment as provided under this subsection.

Section 6(3-4) adds language directing the Office of Equity to consult with WSBO and other relevant state agencies to develop and monitor the implementation of a state digital equity plan.

Section 6(5)(a) transfers the responsibility of submitting a legislative report to the governor and the appropriate legislative committees regarding the Digital Equity Forum's collaboration with key partners to develop the plan.
This reporting would become the Office of Equity's responsibility.

Section 6(6) directs the WSBO to report data to the Office of Equity on the progress made in promoting digital equity among underserved communities in the state according to measurable objectives in the digital equity plan. This overview must include a description of the successes and remaining challenges of promoting digital equity among specific types of underserved populations. As part of this requirement, the Office of Equity shall have oversight over and direct future improvements as it determines is necessary to the public data resources maintained by the statewide broadband office to track digital equity and the digital divide.

Section 7(7) removes the WSBO from providing staffing for the Digital Equity Forum and leaves the Office of Equity as the sole entity responsible for managing this entity and submitting the report to the legislature regarding the Digital Equity Forum's recommendations by October 28, 2025, and every odd-numbered year thereafter.

New Section 9 recodifies RCW 43.330.539 and RCW 43.330.5395 as sections in chapter 43.06D RCW.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The Department assumes that Section 4 would result in a net decrease in the funding allocated for outreach to hard-to-reach communities in the amount of $100,000 per year on an ongoing.

The Department assumes the transfer of responsibility for staffing the Digital Equity Forum, under Section 7(7), would result in cost savings for the ongoing funding dedicated for this purpose ($253,000) beginning in FY26.

The Department assumes the transfer of responsibility for the biennial Digital Equity Forum legislative report would result in cost savings for the staff time dedicated to report production in FY26 and every two years thereafter.

The Department assumes that Section 4(5) broadens the scope of WSBO’s collaboration with tribes and also lists specifically the WA State Office of Equity and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which increases the amount of staff time needed to coordinate broadband deployment, adoption and digital equity activities in FY26 and ongoin

The Department assumes indeterminate costs with supporting the expanded outreach and enrollment activities in Section 6(2), which would be in support of the Office of Equity.

0.2 FTE Administrative Assistant 3 (418 hours) FY26-FY31 for meeting coordination, schedule and document preparation to assist with additional coordination responsibilities.

0.1 FTE Management Analyst 4 (209 hours) FY26-FY31 to gather, compile and analyze data to assess coordination, outreach, and provide recommendations for improvement.

0.4 FTE Commerce Specialist 3 (835 hours) FY26-FY31 to support initial planning for statewide outreach to hard-to-reach communities, and coordinate with the Office of Equity and other partner agencies on the state digital equity plan.

0.1 FTE Commerce Specialist 3 (209 hours) FY26-FY31 for the Tribal Outreach and Engagement Manager to coordinate with tribes and report on activities and lead tribal digital equity events.

0.2 Commerce Specialist 5 (418 hours) FY26-FY31 to prepare for meetings and additional follow up data requests; to

oversee and supervise the WSBO digital equity staff team; and to support digital equity planning efforts.

0.4 FTE WMS 3 (835 hours) FY26-FY31 for the WSBO Director to review reports, attend meetings and present reports to the Office of Equity on an ongoing basis. This position will be needed to participate in Digital Equity Forum general meetings, including subcommittee participation, as needed, including interagency, tribal, or other community-based digital equity coordination meetings.

Salaries and benefits:
FY26: $169,750
FY27: $182,688
FY28: $169,750
FY29: $182,688
FY30: $169,750
FY31: $182,688

Goods and Services: The Department assumes that Section 4 would result in a net decrease in the funding allocated for outreach to hard-to-reach communities of $100,000 per year on an ongoing basis.

FY26: ($86,700)
FY27: ($86,600)
FY28: ($86,700)
FY29: ($86,600)
FY30: ($86,700)
FY31: ($86,600)

Travel: The Department's standard travel assumptions apply for the new positions required to support interagency coordination, and community outreach and engagement.

FY26-FY31: $1,400 each fiscal year

Inter-agency Agreements: The Department assumes the transfer of responsibility for staffing the Digital Equity Forum under Section 7(7), which would result in cost savings for the ongoing funding dedicated for this purpose ($253,000) beginning in FY26.

FY26-FY31: ($253,000) each fiscal year

Intra-Agency Reimbursements:
FY26: $55,848
FY27: $60,104
FY28: $55,848
FY29: $60,104
FY30: $55,848
FY31: $60,104

Total Costs:
FY26: ($112,702)
FY27: ($95,408)
FY28: ($112,702)
FY29: ($95,408)
FY30: ($112,702)
FY31: ($95,408)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)
		Total $	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
A-Salaries and Wages	128,787	138,591	267,378	267,378	267,378
B-Employee Benefits	40,963	44,097	85,060	85,060	85,060
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	(86,700)	(86,600)	(173,300)	(173,300)	(173,300)
G-Travel	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,800
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements	(253,000)	(253,000)	(506,000)	(506,000)	(506,000)
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	55,848	60,104	115,952	115,952	115,952
9-					
Total $	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Administrative Assistant 3	54,199	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commerce Specialist 3	84,518	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Commerce Specialist 5	98,040	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Management Analyst 4	88,794	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WMS Band 3	142,511	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total FTEs		1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Local Government Division (600)	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)
Total $	(112,702)	(95,408)	(208,110)	(208,110)	(208,110)

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 163-Washington Technology Solutions

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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[ ] Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Sec. 3. Expands the purpose of the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office (SBO) to also include broadband adoption and digital equity.

Sec. 4. Expands the SBO's authority to also include coordination with relevant state agencies and community anchor institutions. Requires the SBO to coordinate with federally recognized tribes and all relevant state agencies in carrying out its purpose. Requires the SBO to provide data to the Office of Equity (OOE) regarding broadband adoption and digital equity programs.

Sec. 5. Modifies state broadband access goals.

Sec. 6. Provides that the OOE, in coordination with the SBO, is primarily responsible for digital equity to individuals and communities in the state.

Sec. 9. Moves authority for the state digital equity plan and digital equity forum from the SBO to the OOE.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

None.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This bill clarifies the commitment of the legislature to the role of the Department of Commerce and the Office of Equity and defines "anchor institution" and coordination with state agencies such as WaTech. WaTech does not have an expanded role or responsibility with the changes in this bill from the engagement today in the digital equity forum and with the broadband office.

Sec. 4. Expands the SBO's authority to also include coordination with relevant state agencies and community anchor institutions.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on WaTech.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 215-Utilities and Transportation Commission

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Account					
Public Service Revolving Account-State 111-1	147,770	147,770	295,540	295,540	295,540
Total $	147,770	147,770	295,540	295,540	295,540

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 4 provides the state broadband office with the power to coordinate with relevant state agencies to develop broadband adoption and increases the minimum broadband speed to one hundred megabits per second download and twenty megabits per second upload. The state broadband office must collaborate with the UTC in carrying out its purpose.

Section 5 increases the speed goals for 2028, 2030, and 2032 which will require the UTC to include these speed requirements when appropriate and ultimately review and provide input for the 2032 goals.

Section 6 requires the office of equity in consultation with the UTC to develop and monitor a state digital equity plan that is submitted to the legislature by December 1, 2026. Focus on digital equity and affordability will increase the number of petitions seeking the ability to receive federal low-income support for telecommunication services.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

UTC assumes no cash receipts will go to UTC as a result of this legislation.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

The bill requires the Office of Equity to collaborate with the UTC in developing the state digital equity plan and its subsequent monitoring. To participate in the collaborative effort, UTC will need necessary resources to conduct research and analysis concerning broadband locations and adoption, digital equity planning, and best practices, and will work with interested parties to make sound recommendations that will improve broadband deployment in underserved and unserved areas, promote adoptions of new technology and digital equity actions. A key component of broadband adoption is affordability, and it is expected that companies' participation in low-income programs, such as Lifeline, will increase the filings and workload of UTC staff on an ongoing basis.

$147,770 for FY 2026 (1 FTE) for 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.
(Regulatory Analyst 3)

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
111-1	Public Service Revolving Account	State	147,770	147,770	295,540	295,540	295,540
		Total $	147,770	147,770	295,540	295,540	295,540

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
A-Salaries and Wages	100,524	100,524	201,048	201,048	201,048
B-Employee Benefits	35,183	35,183	70,366	70,366	70,366
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	12,063	12,063	24,126	24,126	24,126
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total $	147,770	147,770	295,540	295,540	295,540

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Regulatory Analyst 3	100,524	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

UTC assumes it will not be required to conduct a rulemaking as a result of this legislation.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 350-Superintendent of Public Instruction

Part I: Estimates

☐ **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	7,000	0	7,000	0	0
Total $	7,000	0	7,000	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1 (New)
Declares the legislature's intent to address digital equity by improving internet access and digital skills statewide through cross-agency collaboration, especially between the Department of Commerce and the Office of Equity.

Section 2 (Amended)
Section 2 strikes reference to RCW 43.330.5395.

Section 2(5): Expands the definition of "broadband adoption" to include an individual's ability to use the internet daily and to participate fully and safely online.

Section 2(7): Language added to define "community anchor institution".

Section 2(9): Revises definition for "digital equity" to include information technology capacity in democracy.

Section 2(14):
• Strikes language indicating "low-income" means households as defined by the Department of Social and Health Services, provided that definition may not exceed the higher of 80 percent of area median household income.
• Revised the definition for "low-income" to include households with a household income that does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level or that does not exceed the self-sufficiency standard as determined by the University of Washington's self-sufficiency calculator.

Section 2(18): Revises definition for "underserved population" to include individuals with limited English proficiency and dependents in foster care. Strikes "children and youth" in foster care.

Section 2(19): Revises definition for "unserved areas" to include adequate, reliable, and affordable broadband service.

Section 3 (Amended)
Section 3(2): Expands the purpose of the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to include broadband adoption, and digital equity.

Section 4 (Amended)
Section 4(1)(b): Expands the list of entities that the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office must coordinate with when developing strategies and plans promoting deployment of broadband infrastructure and greater broadband access and broadband adoption to include relevant state agencies and community anchor institutions.

Section 4(1)(e): Updates the actual speeds for the state's definition for broadband service from no less than twenty-five megabits per second download and three megabits per second upload to 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload.

Section 4(2)(d): Requires the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to ensure the minimum broad service speed is 100 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload when developing plans or strategies for broadband deployment. The speeds were previously twenty-five megabits per second download and three megabits per second upload.

Section 4(5):
• Strikes language regarding the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office coordination and outreach efforts.

• Language added requiring the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to collaborate with federally recognized tribes, the Washington State Office of Equity, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
• Requires the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to provide data to the Washington State Office of Equity regarding broadband adoption and digital equity programs maintained to assist the Washington State Office of Equity in monitoring the implementation of a state digital equity plan in accordance with RCW 43.330.539 (as recodified by this act).

Section 5 (Amended)
• Strikes previous broadband goals for the state of Washington.
• Updates broadband goals to include the following:
1. By 2028, all Washington businesses, residences, and community anchor institutions have access to broadband service of 150 megabits per second download and 20 megabits per second upload in accordance with RCW 43.330.530;
2. By 2030, Washington businesses, residences, and community anchor institutions have access to at least one gigabit per second download speed paired with 500 megabits per second upload speed for long-term fixed broadband in the state; and
3. By 2032, broadband goals for the state of Washington are reviewed and updated with input provided by entities, such as the digital equity forum, communities, tribes, nonprofit organizations, local governments, consumer-owned and investor-owned utilities, relevant state agencies, and public and private entities.

Section 6 (Amended)
Section 6(1): New language informing the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office's primary responsibilities.

Section 6(2): New language requiring the following:
• The Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to coordinate with the statewide broadband office and the Department of Commerce for an outreach effort to hard-to-reach communities and low-income communities to provide information about broadband and digital equity programs and assist consumers in enrolling in these programs.
• The outreach program must include, but is not limited to, providing information to applicable communities about the federal lifeline program and other low-income broadband benefit programs, and must facilitate relationship-building and the communication of lived experience to amplify local efforts and identify continuing needs.
• Review the outreach effort annually.
• The Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to coordinate with state boards and commissions that support the participation of people from underrepresented populations in policy-making processes.
• May otherwise coordinate or contract with other public or private entities, including to conduct outreach to communities and assist consumers in program enrollment as provided under this subsection.

Section 6(3): Expands the list of entities that the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office must coordinate with when developing and monitoring the implementation of a state digital equity plan to include the statewide broadband office and other relevant state agencies.

Section 6(3)(a):
• Stikes language requiring the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to seek any available federal funding for the purposes of developing and implementing the state digital equity plan.
• New language requiring the state digital equity plan to build upon the progress made by the state broadband office in developing a state digital equity plan.

Section 6(5)(a):
• Changes the date that the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office must report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature information regarding the digital equity plan from December 1, 2023 to December 1, 2026.
• Changes "stakeholders" to "partners".
• Strikes language requiring the report to include any available information on the extent to which state residents have enrolled in the affordable connectivity program through an approved program.
• Language added requiring the report to include an evaluation of existing state digital equity initiatives, policies, programs, funding needs, and public and private investments, including a recommended model for future infrastructure and outreach

investments.
• Strikes language indicating that for the purpose of this section, "office" means the statewide broadband office established in RCW 43.330.532.

Section 6(5)(b):
• Language added requiring the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to review, update, and submit to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature a revised state digital plan every two years after its initial publication.
• Language added requiring the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to submit to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature an updated report that includes the topics in (a)(i) through (v) of this subsection and subsection (6) of this section the year following its submission of a revised state digital equity plan.

Section 6(6):
• Requires the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to make publicly available, on an ongoing basis, an overview of the progress made in promoting digital equity among underserved communities.
• Requires the overview to include a description of the successes and remaining challenges of promoting digital equity among specific types of underserved populations.
• Informs that the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office will have oversight over and direct future improvements as it determines is necessary, to the public data resources maintained by the statewide broadband office to track digital equity and the digital divide.

Section 7 (Amended)
Section 7(1):
• Expands the purpose of the Washington digital equity forum to include developing recommendations to advance broadband adoption and digital equity.
• Strikes language requiring the Washington digital equity forum to advise the statewide broadband office on the digital equity opportunity program as provided under RCW 43.330.412 and the digital equity planning grant program as provided under RCW 43.330.5393)).

Section 7(2): Revises the requirements the forum must do when developing the recommendations to advance digital connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equity to include:
• Expanding the goals to include the goals of the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office, as provided by RCW 43.06D.020.
• Strengthening cooperatives, and other partnerships that promote digital connectivity, broadband adoption, and digital equi
• Recommend opportunities for sustainable digital equity funding.

Section 7(3):
• Strikes language regarding the Washington state office of equity.
• Expands the applicable appointees that the directors of the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office may appoint to the digital equity forum to include local agencies involved in digital equity.

Section 7(4):
• Allows a majority of the members appointed by the directors to appoint an administrative chair or cochairs of the forum.

Section 7(6): Strikes language requiring each member of the digital equity forum to serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.))

Section 7(7):
• Language revised indicating that staff for the digital equity forum must be provided by the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office.
• Language revised indicating that the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office is responsible for transmitting the recommendations of the digital equity forum to the legislature, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, by October 28, 2025, and

every odd-numbered year thereafter.

Section 8 (New)
• A new section is added to chapter 43.06D.
• Provides definitions that apply to RCW 43.330.539 (as recodified by this act) and 43.330.5395 (as recodified by this act) unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
• Informs that definitions in this section have the meaning defined in RCW 43.330.530.

Section 9 (New)
Recodified RCW 43.330.539 and 43.330.5395 as sections in chapter 43.06D RCW.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts impact anticipated.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

OSPI Fiscal Impact:
OSPI is included in the list of entities with which the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office must collaborate. OSPI would require the following positions to execute the work:

• .01 FTE Director at a cost of $3,000 in FY26
• .02 FTE Program Supervisor at a cost of $4,000 in FY26

Charter School Commission (CSC), Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB), State Board of Education (SBE):
Section 6(2) requires the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office to coordinate with state boards and commissions that support the participation of people from underrepresented populations in policy-making processes.

Per the Office of Equity, the CSC, PESB, and SBE are boards and commissions that weren't contemplated by the language in this section, thus resulting in no fiscal impact.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
001-1	General Fund	State	7,000	0	7,000	0	0
		Total $	7,000	0	7,000	0	0

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.0		0.0		
A-Salaries and Wages	3,382		3,382		
B-Employee Benefits	2,888		2,888		
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	199		199		
G-Travel	199		199		
J-Capital Outlays	332		332		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total $	7,000	0	7,000	0	0

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Director	144,200	0.0		0.0		
Program Supervisor	96,990	0.0		0.0		
Total FTEs		0.0		0.0		0.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

No capital budget impact anticipated.

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 405-Department of Transportation

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

See attached agency fiscal note.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: HB 1503	**Title:** Digital Equity	**Agency:** 405-Department of Transportation

Part I: Estimates

☒ No Fiscal Impact (Explain required in section II. A)
☐ Indeterminate Cash Receipts Impact (Explain in section II. B)
☐ Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts Impact (Explain in section II. B)
☐ Indeterminate Expenditure Impact (Explain in section II. C)
☐ Partially Indeterminate Expenditure Impact (Explain in section II. C)

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☐ Revised

Fiscal Detail
N/A

Agency Assumptions

N/A

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief description of what the measure does that has fiscal impact
Section 4 amending RCW 43.330.534 revises the State Broadband Office to collaborate with the state office of equity along with federally recognized tribes and all relevant state agencies. The Washington State Department of Transportation was already listed in the current version of the RCW.

II. B – Cash Receipts Impact
N/A

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

II. C - Expenditures
There is no fiscal impact because of this bill. The department is already collaborating with the State Broadband Office in our regular capacity.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object or Purpose
N/A

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact
N/A

Part V: New Rule Making Required
N/A

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 1503 HB	Title: Digital equity	Agency: 699-Community and Technica College System

Part I: Estimates

[X] **No Fiscal Impact**

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:
NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

[ ] If fiscal impact is greater than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.

[ ] If fiscal impact is less than $50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).

[ ] Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

[ ] Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill would further increase access to broadband and related infrastructure and increase digital equity by facilitating the provisions of digital devices and services to individuals and communities in Washington. This is to be a collaborative effort between the department of commerce and the office of equity.

Sec. 2 (7) Community colleges or other institutions of higher education are in the definition of community anchor institutio

Sec. 4 (1)(b) The office may coordinate with community anchor institutions to develop strategies and plans promoting deployment of broadband infrastructure and greater broadband access and broadband adoption.

Sec. 5 (3) It is the goal of the state of Washington that by 2028 all community anchor institutions, and other entities, have access to specified broadband services

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No cash receipts impact.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No expenditure impact.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 1503 HB	**Title:** Digital equity

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☐ Counties:
- ☐ Special Districts:
- ☐ Specific jurisdictions only:
- ☐ Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- ☒ No fiscal impacts.
- ☐ Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- ☐ Legislation provides local option:
- ☐ Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

This legislation increases cross-agency collaboration between the Department of Commerce and the Office of Equity by adding certain data sharing, facilitation, and outreach responsibilities necessary to develop and implement the state's digital equity plan. Several definitions are added or modified including "broadband adoption", "community anchor institution", "low-income", "underserved population", and "unserved areas".

Sec. 5 amends RCW 43.330.536 to revise Washington state's broadband goals and timelines. Subsection (3) is added which requires the state of Washington to review and update its broadband goals by 2032 with input provided by entities such as local governments.

This legislation would take effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This bill would not impact local government expenditures.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This bill would not impact local government revenues.