



ANALYSIS

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCR 8 (Padilla) –Digital Literacy (Introduced)

SUMMARY

This resolution calls for the Governor of the State of California to create the California Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Digital Literacy Leadership Council to provide leadership to promote ubiquitous and affordable broadband access and accelerate workforce readiness through the provision of digital literacy skills.

CPUC POSITION AND SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS

Support. This resolution is in alignment with the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) goal of ubiquitous access to broadband throughout the state.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

The Broadband Taskforce was created as part of the Executive Order S-23-06 (November 28, 2006) by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Taskforce consisted of 21 members from the public and private sectors with telecommunications expertise, which included a member of the California Public Utilities Commission. The Taskforce was charged with providing two reports to the Legislature. The first report provided state government with recommendations to increase broadband availability and adoption, while the second assessed the state of broadband in California.

The CPUC authorized the California Advanced Services Fund on December 20, 2007, and the Legislature approved SB 1193 in 2008, to promote universal service in unserved and underserved areas in the state by awarding funding to qualifying certificated applicant carriers for projects that will a) provide broadband services to areas currently without broadband access and b) build out facilities in underserved areas if funds are still available.

STATUS:

SCR 8 is awaiting committee referral in the Senate Rules Committee.

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