

HB 1698-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the broadband adoption and deployment authority within the department of information services.

Creates the council on digital inclusion.

Creates the digital inclusion account.

Provides that taxes collected under RCW 82.29A.030 (leasehold excise tax) from a telecommunications company as a result of the company's leasehold interest in publicly owned property shall be deposited in the community technology opportunity account created in RCW 28B.32.030 and used to fund the community technology opportunity program under chapter 28B.32 RCW.

Allows a telecommunications company a business and occupation tax credit in an amount equal to fifty percent of contributions made in any fiscal year to the community technology opportunity account created in RCW 28B.32.030.