

AGENDA

House Committee on Commerce

Monday, August 12, 2024

Committee Room 1

9:30 a.m.

Chair: Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Vice Chair: Polly Thomas

Staff: Victoria Kelley, attorney
Kathryn Vigrass, legislative analyst
Sharell Steven, committee administrative assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. BUSINESS

To discuss the deployment of broadband infrastructure in the state.

A. Overview of the state of broadband by the Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity (ConnectLA).

1. GUMBO 1.0: Progress of projects
2. GUMBO 2.0: Next steps

B. Implementation of Act No. 632 of the 2024 Regular Session with respect to the following:

1. Underground utilities damage prevention measures
2. Impact on local broadband permit and franchise fees

C. Underground utilities damage prevention.

1. Louisiana Municipal Association
2. Public Service Commission
3. Louisiana 811
4. Dept. of Transportation and Development

D. Overview of progress from Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) providers in the state.

E. Concerns to reporting newly deployed fiber installation in public rights of way.

1. System member companies of Louisiana Internet and Television - The Broadband Association
2. Louisiana Internet and Television - The Broadband Association

F. Public comment

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

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