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In the various committee hearings these past few weeks the telecommunications firms have repeatedly claimed that the state should not “subsidize” competition. Our message to the Internet Service Providers is: *lead, follow or get out of the way*.  **Please voice your strong support for these bills by writing/emailing/calling the members of the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees, especially those who represent you.** Contact information is below.  NOTE: The descriptions below refer to the most significant and important items. You can find the latest versions of the bills at assembly.ca.gov, click on the “find legislation” tab at the bottom of the page and enter the bill number (be sure to use AB or SB plus the number), to see the full text, history, status and hearing dates.  There are other broadband bills in the hopper, but these five are the most significant and have advanced far enough to now need our help to get them across the finish line.  **AB14** Communication; Broadband Services; California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), Aguiar-Curry: Extends the CASF, currently the sole source of funding for deploying broadband infrastructure beyond its sunset date in 2022, expands eligibility and promotes projects that deploy broadband to specified “anchor institutions” across the state, including county fairgrounds.  **AB34** Broadband for All Act of 2022, Muratsuchi: Will place on the November 2022 ballot a bond measure authorizing up to $10 billion in bonds to support the 2022 Broadband for All program to be administered by the Department of Technology for purposes of providing financial assistance for projects to deploy broadband infrastructure and broadband internet access services.  **AB41** Broadband Infrastructure Deployment, Wood: Strengthens the state’s “dig once” policies, pushing CalTrans to be more proactive. It also requires that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) notify on their websites planned deployment of fiber, giving more transparency of where fiber is being laid for the purpose of possibly expanding availability in the surrounding area.    **SB4** Communication: California Advanced Services Fund: Deaf and Disabled Telecommunication Program: Surcharges, Gonzalez: Extends and updates CASF increases the minimum broadband speed requirements, expands eligibility to local governments, tribal governments and non-profits, , and allows the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to issue bonds secured by CASF revenues.  **SB28** Rural Broadband and Digital Infrastructure Video Competition Reform Act of 2021, Caballero: Requires the California Department of Technology (CDT) to compile an inventory of state-owned resources that may be available for use in the deployment of broadband and gives CPUC some oversight of cable video franchises to verify that specified services are being provided.  **Where we Are**: All of these bills have been or are destined be placed in their respective house Appropriations Committee’s Suspense Files. Suspense files can be the graveyards of many good bills, because they “put pressure on the General Fund”, in the words of the analysis. The difference with this group of bills is that several of them deal with the funding issue at least in part through continuation of an existing surcharge on broadband accounts. AB 14 puts a bond on the 2022 November ballot. And the Governor's budget proposal is forthcoming.    **What to do**: Please immediately contact the Senate Appropriations Committee for SB 4 and SB28 and the Assembly Appropriations Committee for AB14, AB34, and AB41 via email, fax or call in your support. Time is of the essence.  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