



2015 SENATE BILL 33

February 13, 2015 – Introduced by Senators BEWLEY, VINEHOUT, MILLER, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR, SHILLING and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives BILLINGS, CONSIDINE, MEYERS, POPE, DANOU, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, DOYLE, QUINN, STUCK, GENRICH, BOWEN, BERCEAU, SUBECK, SINICKI, BROSTOFF, SPREITZER, MILROY, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, GOYKE, BARCA, SHANKLAND and JORGENSEN. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Public Works, and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.504 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** eligible
2 applicants under the broadband expansion grant program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the broadband expansion grant program, the Public Service Commission (PSC), makes broadband expansion grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas designated by PSC. Under current law an “eligible applicant” is any of the following: 1) an organization; 2) a telecommunications utility; or 3) a city, village, town, or county that submits an application in partnership with an eligible applicant identified in items 1) and 2), above.

Under this bill, a school district, technical college district, or public library board that submits an application in partnership with an organization or a telecommunications utility is also an “eligible applicant.”

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 196.504 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

