

As drafted, Assembly Bill 303 prioritizes fiber over other technologies, at the cost of broadband deployment in rural areas. As such, UScellular seeks an amendment to change the speed standard in the bill to 100/20 Mbps, which will more than accommodate consumers and will allow 5G fixed wireless providers to compete to deploy broadband in rural areas in Wisconsin. 5G fixed wireless service can be deployed significantly faster than fiber, at lower cost and provide mobility. In addition, the federal government's standard under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program is also 100/20 Mbps.