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Rep. Summerfield's Broadband Expansion Grant Program Bill Signed Into Law *Governor Signs Senate Bill 325*

Madison—Rep. Summerfield (R-Bloomer) issued the following statement following the signing of his bill, Senate Bill 325, related to the Broadband Expansion Grant Program:

"I'm very excited that my bill, Senate Bill 325, is now 2023 Wisconsin Act 77. This is an incredibly important piece of legislation that I have been diligently working on for several sessions." Rep. Summerfield said.

2023 Wisconsin Act 77 addresses inefficiencies in the current Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant program, administered by the Public Service Commission (PSC). This program distributes grant funding to applicants who plan to improve broadband access throughout Wisconsin. These changes to the program are necessary for the long-term viability of the program and internet access in Wisconsin as a whole.

"This bill is a great step towards making sure the Broadband Expansion Grant Program funding is used most effectively and efficiently for providing internet access to Wisconsinites – especially those in rural areas."

"I am grateful for all the hard work that went into this legislation by many different groups and I look forward to seeing the impact this law will have on the expansion of broadband throughout our state."

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The 67th Assembly District includes portions of Chippewa, Dunn, and Eau Claire counties.