
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE STATE BROADBAND ACTIONS

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NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

- Like electricity a century ago, broadband is a foundation for economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness and a better way of life. It is enabling entire new industries and unlocking vast new possibilities for existing ones. It is changing how we educate children, deliver health care, manage energy, ensure public safety, engage government, and access, organize and disseminate knowledge.



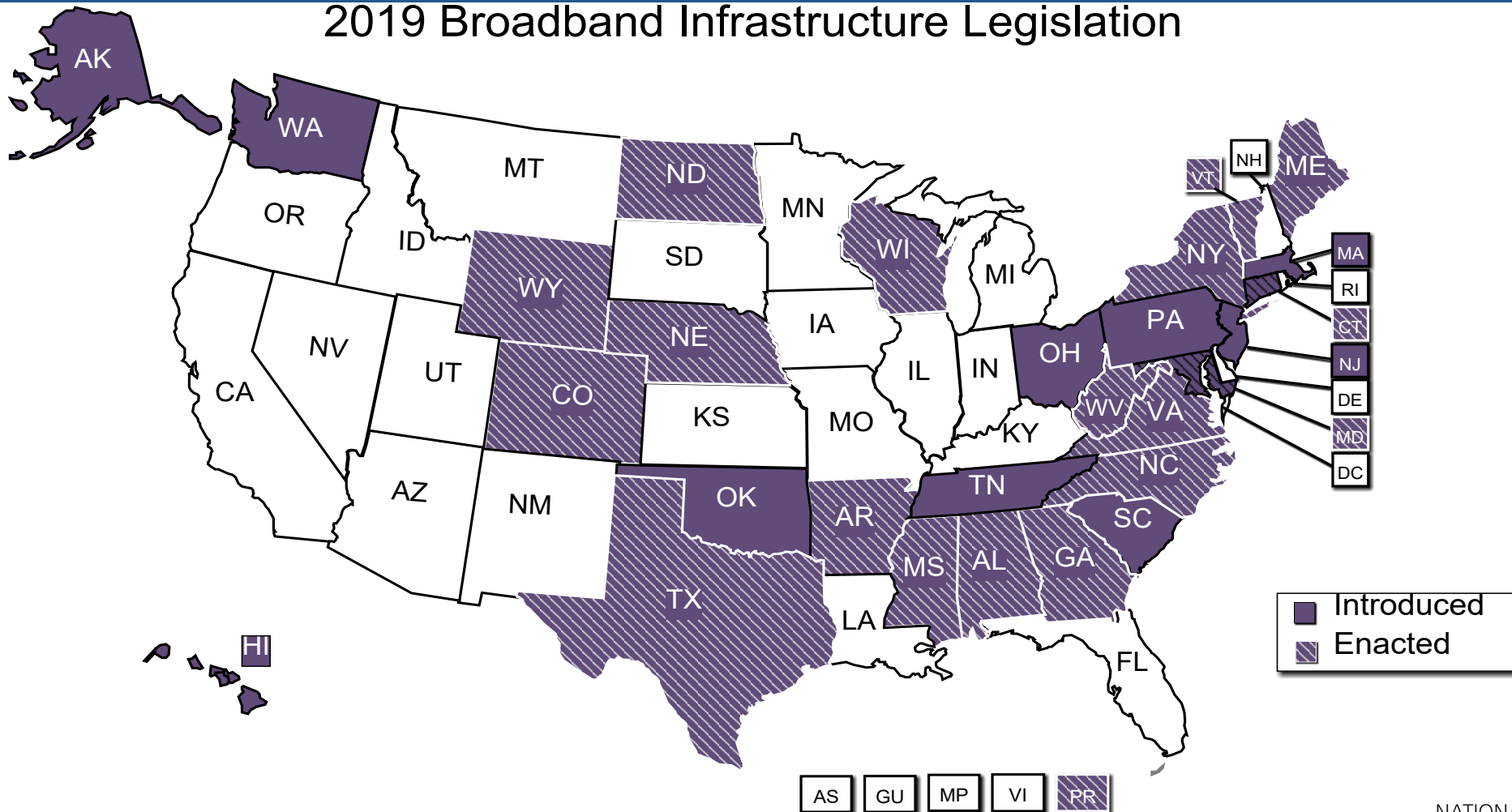
DEPLOYMENT (MILLIONS) OF FIXED TERRESTRIAL 25 MBPS/3 MBPS SERVICES & MOBILE LTE 5 MBPS/1 MBPS

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Pop.	%	Pop.	%
United States	261,977	83.0	283,386	89.1	287,387	89.7	295,905	91.7	304,149	93.4
Rural Areas	27,776	45.5	36,489	59.2	37,840	60.8	42,231	67.1	46,709	73.2
Urban Areas	234,200	92.0	246,897	96.3	249,547	96.7	253,674	97.7	257,440	98.3
Tribal Lands	1,385	35.5	2,206	56.1	2,258	57.0	2,491	62.4	2,716	67.6
Population Estimated	315,596		317,954		320,289		322,518		325,716	

Source: FCC, 2019 Broadband Deployment Report

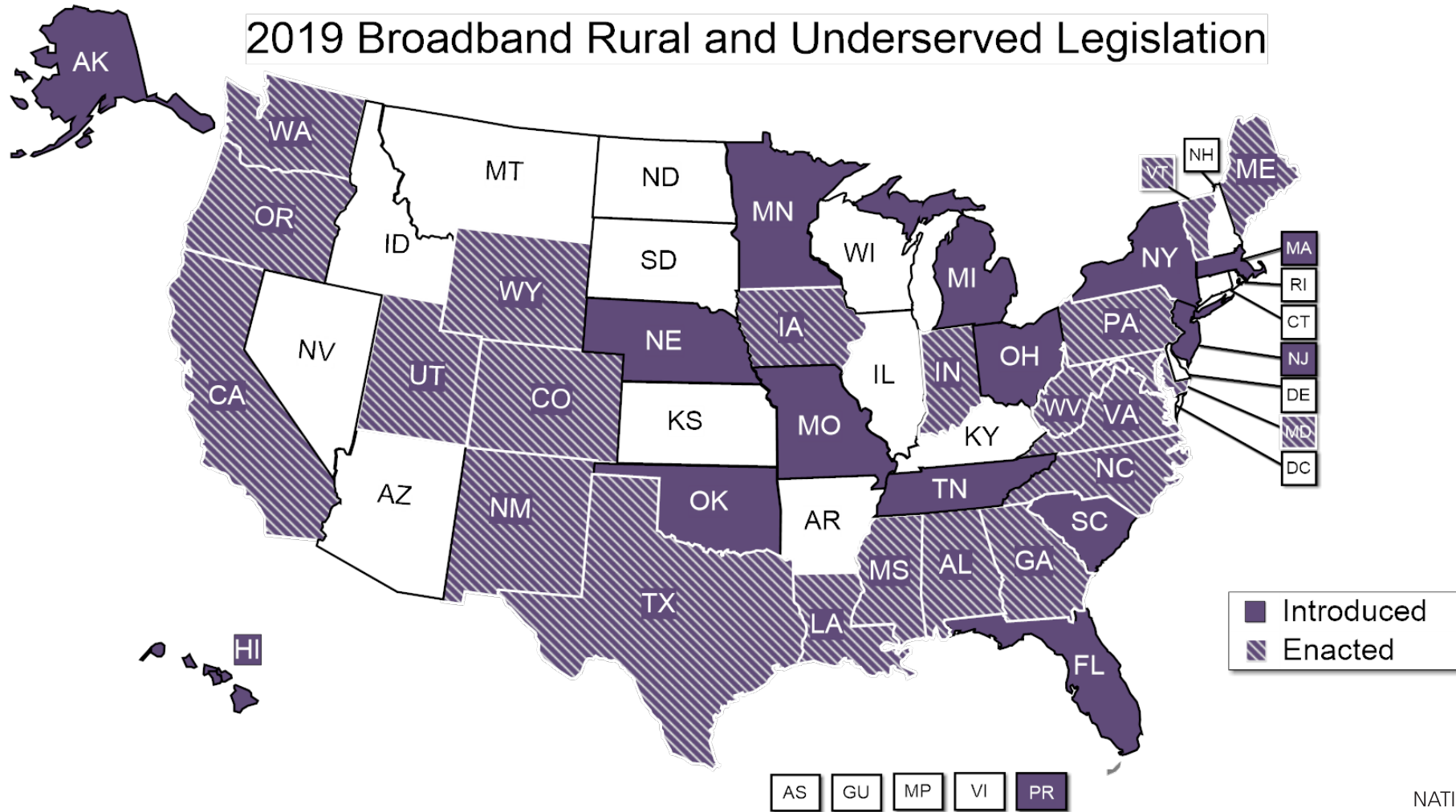
INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

2019 Broadband Infrastructure Legislation



RURAL AND UNDERSERVED LEGISLATION

2019 Broadband Rural and Underserved Legislation



BROADBAND POLICY OPTIONS

Broadband Office or
Agency

Infrastructure
Expansion

State Universal
Service Fund



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UNIVERSAL SERVICE

- Consumers in all regions of the Nation, including low-income consumers and those in rural, insular and high cost areas, should have access to telecommunications and information services, including interexchange services and advanced telecommunications and information services, that are reasonably comparable to those provided in urban areas and that are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

RESOURCES

- NCSL Broadband 2019 Legislation List:
<https://www.ncsl.org/research/telecommunications-and-information-technology/broadband-2019-legislation.aspx>
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
[State Broadband Policy Explorer](#)



QUESTIONS?

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