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House File 2107 creates a High-Speed Broadband Task Force to develop a broadband deployment goal for the state and a strategy to achieve it. The task force consists of 19 members appointed by the governor and four by the legislature, who are to produce a report and recommendations by November 1, 2009 that:

- identifies a level of broadband service, including connection speeds, reasonably needed by 2015;
- describes a set of policies and actions needed to achieve that goal, and estimates the cost of doing so;
- identifies areas in the state that lack infrastructure necessary to support broadband service; and
- evaluates strategies and financing mechanisms used elsewhere to support broadband deployment.