**REVENUE:** No revenue impact
**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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| **Action:** | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means by Prior Reference |
| **Vote:** | 6 - 0 - 2 |
| **Yeas:** | Galizio, Gilliam, Holvey, Thatcher, Witt, Read |
| **Nays:** | 0 |
| **Exc.:** | Bailey, Bentz |
| **Prepared By:** | Barbara Allen, Administrator |
| **Meeting Dates:** | 3/19, 4/28 |

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES**:  Establishes the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council.  Delineates Council's representation, term length of members and general operational rules.  Requires certain state agencies to support the Council by providing staff or facilities and mandates that all government agencies furnish information necessary for the Council to function.  Requires reports to the Legislative Assembly addressing specific topics.  Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**
   • Structure and goals of the proposed new council
   • Need for innovative, ambitious leadership to accelerate broadband applications statewide

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**  Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**  The Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council (ORTCC) was authorized by the legislature beginning in 2001 (SB 765) to study and recommend strategies for public-private telecom investments that would help Oregon businesses compete in global markets and to study alternative approaches to providing coordinated, statewide, regional and local telecommunication services in all areas of the state.  The Council is scheduled to sunset on February 1, 2010.

The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (OBAC) created in HB 3158A replaces the ORTCC.  This smaller group's focus is to create, advocate, and receive funding for the statewide deployment of broadband infrastructure and the applications that run on it as well as to establish Oregon's broadband policies and coordinate their implementation.  The OBAC's makeup would consist of representatives from the education, healthcare, public safety, eGovernment, telecommunications, and local government sectors.

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