

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. J. Smith  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Monroe

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 0 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Komp

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Whitsett

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council within the Economic and Community Development Department, and the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Fund. Delineates Council's representation, term lengths 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. Sunsets the Council on January 2, 2016. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purposes of the Council
- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Quorum and voting requirements for the Council
- Need to establish the Council within a state agency for budget purposes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes the Council within the Economic and Community Development Department, changes the requirements for a quorum for the Council to a majority of the voting members, changes the requirement for an action of the Council to approval by a majority of the voting members of the Council, continuously appropriates moneys in the newly established Fund to the Economic and Community Development Department, adds a January 2, 2016 sunset.

**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 3158-B 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.