

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3158

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Establishes the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, with staff support provided by the Economic and Community Development Department, and creates the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Fund.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Economic and Community Development Department, other state agencies, the Legislative Assembly, Oregon tribes, and local governments.

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2009-2011

2011-2013

EXPENDITURES:

See Analysis

REVENUES:

See Analysis

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill includes an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: HB 3158 establishes the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, with staff support provided by the Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD), and creates the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Fund. The bill also requires a report to the Legislative Assembly by November 1 of each even numbered year on the affordability and accessibility of broadband technology and the extent of broadband technology use in specified areas.

The fiscal impact of the bill is minimal. OECDD currently provides approximately 15 hours per month of staff support to the current Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council and estimates that this replacement Council will require similar staff involvement. OECDD may also have approximately \$8,000 in video and conferencing cost and \$240 in Treasury fees related to the new Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Fund.

The bill creates the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council Fund but does not provide any source of revenue for the Fund. The bill also does not specify the state entity that is responsible for the Fund, but continuously appropriates the funds to the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, which is not a state agency. OECDD assumes it will provide accounting services for the Council. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that moneys in the Fund should be continuously appropriated to the administrative state agency which is OECDD.