

77TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
2013 REGULAR SESSION
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 2455
CARRIER:
Preliminary

REVENUE: May
FISCAL: ??

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 03/01/13

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Broadens types of communications services on which municipalities may impose privilege tax. Modifies privilege tax rate imposed on gross revenues of communications service providers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: The "-1" amendment repeals the privilege tax structure all together and consequently opens the issue to local agreements with each of the cities.

BACKGROUND:

Cities charge telecommunication companies a tax for the privilege of using public right of way "streets, highways alleys, etc." Cities have different treatment for cable companies. This measure redefines the companies that provide communication services to include cable and internet providers, and applies the tax to them uniformly. The tax rate is however not defined in the bill and left blank.

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