

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: HB 3104 A
CARRIER: Rep. McKeown

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/03/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/25, 04/03

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Bentz, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 2 - Davis, Gorsek

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes rural ports to acquire and operate telecommunications and infrastructure facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for explicit legal authority
- Effect of amendments
- Current Oregon ports authority

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Limits applicability to rural ports and clarifies authority for rural ports regarding telecommunication facilities and services.

BACKGROUND:

Chapter 777 of the Oregon Revised Statutes outlines the general authority and powers of Oregon's system of 23 public ports; Chapter 778 outlines additional statutory guidelines for the Port of Portland. Oregon ports are operated by locally-elected boards of commissioners, with the exception of the Port of Portland and International Port of Coos Bay, whose boards are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. They are authorized to generate income through bonding, user fees, taxation and other sources.

Currently, ORS 777 does not authorize Oregon ports to acquire, own and operate telecommunications infrastructure. House Bill 3104-A expands the statutory authority of rural ports to include telecommunications.