

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water**

**MEASURE: HB 3274 A**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Wilson**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/17, 04/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to conduct study on methods to expand broadband and telecommunications infrastructure in rural cities and counties. Requires study report to be submitted to interim legislative committees by December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Poverty in rural areas
- Need for economic development in rural Oregon

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Changes focus of study from “technology infrastructure” to “broadband and telecommunications infrastructure.”

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Business Development Department helps facilitate the deployment and utilization of telecommunications infrastructure to support innovation, create economic opportunities and build quality communities throughout Oregon.

House Bill 3274 A would direct Business Oregon to conduct a study regarding methods to expand broadband and telecommunications infrastructure in rural cities and counties in Oregon. The report would be submitted to the interim legislative committees on economic development by December 31, 2016.