

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Business and Labor**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/27/15

**Action:** Do Pass And Be Placed On The Consent Calendar.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/18, 05/27

**Vote:**

Yeas: 11 - Barreto, Barton, Doherty, Esquivel, Evans, Fagan, Heard, Holvey, Kennemer, Nosse, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends sunset date for Oregon Broadband Advisory Council from January 2, 2016, to January 2, 2020.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of Council in addressing net neutrality issues
- Infrastructure challenges to providing broadband access and capacity
- Local governments choice to build broadband infrastructure
- School districts' need for fast, reliable service

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Assembly created the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council with the passage of House Bill 3158 (2009) to help ensure the implementation of statewide broadband strategies and to serve as a statewide forum for the discussion and exploration of broadband issues. The mission of the Council is to encourage coordination and collaboration between organizations and economic sectors to leverage the development and utilization of broadband Internet access for education, workforce development, government and health care, and to promote broadband adoption by citizens and communities. The Council members represent Oregon's cities, counties, telecommunications service providers, tribes, educators, economic development organizations, public safety agencies, healthcare providers, e-government, the Public Utility Commission, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. Members of the Council are appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The Council is unfunded.