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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: April 12, 2017
Subject: SB 84 – Relating to Residential Service Protection Fund Surcharge
Work Session Recommendations

The Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) Program, administered by the Public Utility Commission, helps eligible low-income and disabled Oregonians with access to affordable telephone service, and loans specialized telephone equipment to Oregonians who have functional disabilities and impairments.

The program is supported by a surcharge on telephone and wireless service customers with access to the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service (OTRS). The surcharge is currently seven cents per month, and by statute cannot exceed 35 cents per month.

Effective January 1, 2018, SB 84 applies the surcharge to customers who have interconnected Voice-over-Internet-protocol service with access to OTRS. The OTRS allows individuals with a hearing or speech disability to use the telephone system via a text telephone or other device to call people with or without a disability.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 84 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 84 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

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