

**HB 3213 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/26, 5/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to include an additional item in its biennial report: the role of broadband technology in local, state, and regional economies and economic development.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (the Council) was created by House Bill 3158 in 2009 to encourage collaboration across organizations and economic sectors to leverage the use of broadband for education, workforce development and telehealth, by citizens and communities. Council membership includes representation from Oregon's cities, counties, telecommunications service providers, tribes, educators, economic development organizations, public safety agencies, healthcare providers, e-government experts, the Public Utility Commission, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. The Council is required to report on the affordability, accessibility and use of broadband in the state to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management by November 1st, every even-numbered year.

House Bill 3213 adds the role of broadband technology in local, state, and regional economies and economic development to the list of items to be included in the Council's report.