

**HB 3213 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Nathanson

**House Committee On Economic Development and Trade**

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**Action Date:** 04/05/17

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Lewis, Lininger, Marsh, Post, Reschke, Smith DB

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the report submitted by the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management include the role of broadband technology in local, state, and regional economies and economic development.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current report requirements
- Broadband access as a key driver to economic development
- Lack of broadband redundancy

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2009, House Bill 3158 created the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (Council). The mission of the Council is to encourage coordination and collaboration between organizations and economic sectors to leverage the development and utilization of broadband for education, workforce development and telehealth, and to promote broadband utilization 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 experts, the Public Utility Commission, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. The Council is required to report by November 1st of every even-numbered year to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management on the affordability and accessibility of broadband in the state, as well as broadband's use in telehealth, energy management, education and government.

House Bill 3213 would require a new subject to be included in the report: the role of broadband technology in local, state, and regional economies and economic development.