

HB 3213 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Riley

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Action Date: 05/03/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley
Exc: 1 - Thatcher
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to address role of broadband technology in local, state and regional economies and economic development in its biennial report.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current role of Oregon Broadband Advisory Council
- Broadband technology's influence on economic development

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (Council) was established 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. The Council is comprised of representatives from Oregon's cities, counties, telecommunications service providers, tribes, educators, economic development organizations, public safety agencies, health care 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 Oregon to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management by November 1 of 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.