

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2770

By COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

May 30

1 On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 31 and 32 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 6. (1) The Task Force on Broadband Communications Infrastructure is es-**
3 **tablished.**

4 **“(2)(a) The task force consists of five members appointed as follows:**

5 **“(A) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
6 **Senate.**

7 **“(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from**
8 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

9 **“(C) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department or a designee ap-**
10 **pointed by the director.**

11 **“(b) The legislative members and the Director of the Oregon Business Development De-**
12 **partment or the director’s designee may ask any other person to participate in the task force**
13 **as a nonmember, including, but not limited to, representatives of economic development or-**
14 **ganizations, local government infrastructure finance, the telehealth industry, the education**
15 **community, the broadband and telecommunications industry, rural local governments, the**
16 **Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, the office of the State Chief Information Officer and the**
17 **Regional Solutions Program.**

18 **“(3) The task force shall:**

19 **“(a) Study and evaluate the viability, impact and effectiveness of a property tax ex-**
20 **emption to provide an incentive to the development of broadband communications**
21 **infrastructure that might not otherwise occur without the exemption.**

22 **“(b) Evaluate how to optimally structure a property tax exemption described in para-**
23 **graph (a) of this subsection, including, but not limited to, authorization by the Legislative**
24 **Assembly of local governments to grant a property tax exemption and a mandatory grant**
25 **of an exemption by the Legislative Assembly.**

26 **“(c) Compare the results of the evaluation under paragraph (b) of this subsection with**
27 **the viability, impact and effectiveness of other incentives to the development of broadband**
28 **communications infrastructure, including, but not limited to:**

29 **“(A) An income tax credit;**

30 **“(B) Other statewide incentives; and**

31 **“(C) Public-private partnerships to leverage financing of broadband communications**
32 **infrastructure.**

33 **“(d) Identify potential funding mechanisms for the incentives described in paragraph (c)**
34 **of this subsection based on, but not limited to, current national best practices.**

35 **“(e) Research and study the status of broadband communications infrastructure devel-**

1 opment in Oregon, identifying strategies that communities are currently using and barriers
2 to the development and expansion of broadband communications infrastructure, particularly
3 in rural Oregon.

4 “(f) Review the report submitted by the Oregon Business Development Department pur-
5 suant to section 1, chapter 432, Oregon Laws 2015, with a directive to expound upon that
6 report as provided in subsection (11) of this section.

7 “(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and
8 collect data and information necessary to carry out the duties of the task force.

9 “(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-
10 action of business.

11 “(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
12 of the task force.

13 “(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

14 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
15 ment to become immediately effective.

16 “(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
17 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

18 “(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

19 “(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
20 shall include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
21 Assembly related to business and economic development no later than September 15, 2018.
22 The recommendations for legislation shall focus on providing a consistent statewide plan for
23 developing broadband communications infrastructure that addresses regional differences
24 within the state and changing communications technology.

25 “(12) The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide staff support to the
26 task force.

27 “(13) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department is not entitled to
28 compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serves as a volunteer on the task force.

29 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
30 the task force in the performance of the task force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by
31 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
32 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

33 “SECTION 7. Section 6 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

34 “SECTION 8. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017
35 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.