

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2770**

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**
3 **Infrastructure is established.**

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**
6 **among members of the Senate.**

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

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

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

20 **“(3) The task force shall:**

21 **“(a) Study and evaluate the viability, impact and effectiveness of a**

1 **property tax exemption to provide an incentive to the development of**
2 **broadband communications infrastructure that might not otherwise**
3 **occur without the exemption.**

4 **“(b) Evaluate how to optimally structure a property tax exemption**
5 **described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, including, but not lim-**
6 **ited to, authorization by the Legislative Assembly of local govern-**
7 **ments to grant a property tax exemption and a mandatory grant of**
8 **an exemption by the Legislative Assembly.**

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

13 **“(A) An income tax credit;**

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

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

17 **“(d) Identify potential funding mechanisms for the incentives de-**
18 **scribed in paragraph (c) of this subsection based on, but not limited**
19 **to, current national best practices.**

20 **“(e) Research and study the status of broadband communications**
21 **infrastructure development in Oregon, identifying strategies that**
22 **communities are currently using and barriers to the development and**
23 **expansion of broadband communications infrastructure, particularly**
24 **in rural Oregon.**

25 **“(f) Review the report submitted by the Oregon Business Develop-**
26 **ment Department pursuant to section 1, chapter 432, Oregon Laws**
27 **2015, with a directive to expound upon that report as provided in sub-**
28 **section (11) of this section.**

29 **“(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from**
30 **affected persons and collect data and information necessary to carry**

1 out the duties of the task force.

2 “(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a
3 quorum for the transaction of business.

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

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

8 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
9 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

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

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

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

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

28 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,
29 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task
30 force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to

1 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**
2 **task force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

3 **“SECTION 7. Section 6 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,**
4 **2018.**

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

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