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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to submit report to interim legislative committee, no later than December 1, 2018, regarding proposed local broadband champion program structure.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry (ODF), Cities, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Military Department (OMD), Public Universities listed in ORS 352.002, Counties, Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Office of the Governor, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon State Police (OSP), School Districts, Department of Education (ODE), Business Development Department (Business Oregon)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, established within the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD), is directed to submit a report regarding broadband technology access to the interim legislative committees on economic development, no later than December 1, 2018. Additionally, the measure establishes the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund and moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Education (ODE) for the purpose of providing matching funds to school districts for broadband access. The measure includes a \$750,000 General Fund appropriation for the 2017-19 biennium to ODE to be deposited in the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund.

As amended by the -A13 amendment, the bill allows the State Chief Information Office (CIO), within the Department of Administrative Services, to provide broadband communication services to local governments, schools, libraries, police, fire, and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon. The State CIO is required to adopt rules under an extended rule-making process and convene a comprehensive advisory committee.

Further Analysis Required

The committee is comprised of eleven positions representing one member from the following: communications service provider, Association of Oregon Counties, League of Oregon Cities, a public school or education service district, a public university, a member from the State Interoperability Executive Council, a member from the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council, a public nonprofit, a citizen, and any other public or private interest group. The State CIO must present proposed rules to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Technology (JLCIMT) prior to rule adoption.

A more complete fiscal analysis, including potential costs to ODE to administer the grant program, will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.