

HB 4023

Relating to broadband technology

HB 4023 directs the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to study and report to the Legislative Assembly on options for a local broadband champion program, and creates the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund for the purpose of providing matching funds for federal moneys received by school districts for broadband access.

The bill allows the State CIO to provide broadband services upon request to local governments, special districts and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon.

The amendment removes a \$750,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund. It also makes clear that it is not the intent of the state to directly compete with telecommunications providers that provide comparable broadband services, and focuses the broadband services the State CIO may provide to tribal governments and other public bodies on unserved or underserved areas of Oregon.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 4023 be amended by the –B20 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.