

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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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)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis

Analysis:

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. The bill allows the State Chief Information Office (CIO), within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), to provide broadband communication services and operations to unserved and underserved public bodies 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. 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 Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the -B20 amendment removes the appropriation language for the grant program; therefore, the total amount and number of grant awards is indeterminate and the workload to ODE to administer the grants is not fully determinable at this time. The fiscal impact to DAS, and other state agencies and local governments impacted as a result of the advisory committee, are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters.