## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4023

By COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

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1	In line 2 of the printed bill, after "technology" insert "; and declaring an emergency".
<b>2</b>	Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:
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4	<b>"LOCAL BROADBAND CHAMPIONS</b>
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6	"SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, 'local broadband champion' means a local gov-
7	ernment official, elected official, educator, business, organization, resident, community
8	leader or other person that advocates for local broadband infrastructure improvements in
9	the person's community.
10	"(2) The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council shall conduct a study to identify options for
11	a local broadband champion program to foster and support local broadband champions. No
12	later than December 1, 2018, the council shall report to the interim legislative committees
13	on economic development with a proposed local broadband champion program structure that
14	identifies potential public or private partnerships and anticipated funding needs and sources.
15	" <u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.
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17	<b>"CONNECTING OREGON SCHOOLS FUND</b>
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19	" <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1) The Connecting Oregon Schools Fund is established in the State Treas-
20	ury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Connecting Oregon
21	Schools Fund shall be credited to the fund.
22	"(2) The Connecting Oregon Schools Fund consists of any moneys deposited in the fund
23	from whatever source and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or trans-
24	ferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys
25	in the fund.
26	"(3) The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Educa-
27	tion for the purpose of providing matching funds for federal moneys received by school dis-
28	tricts for the purpose of providing broadband access to eligible schools in this state.
29	"(4) A school is eligible to receive matching funds under this section if the school:
30	"(a) Is a kindergarten through grade 12 public school in this state;
31	"(b) Receives federal moneys for the purpose of providing broadband access to the school;
32	"(c) Takes steps to determine whether existing broadband infrastructure, including
33	fiber-based broadband, may be integrated into the proposed broadband access project; and
34 2 <b>7</b>	"(d) Meets any other eligibility requirements established by the State Board of Education
35	by rule.

1	"(5)(a) Before the department may distribute any state moneys under this section, the
<b>2</b>	board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, including rules setting
3	criteria that govern the distribution of the moneys to eligible schools.
4	"(b) Rules adopted under this section must take into consideration any eligibility re-
5	quirements established by the federal program awarding federal moneys.
6	"SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
7	priated to the Department of Education, for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the
8	General Fund, the amount of \$750,000, to be deposited into the Connecting Oregon Schools
9	Fund for the purpose of providing matching funds under section 3 of this 2018 Act.
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11	"CAPTIONS
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13	"SECTION 5. The unit captions used in this 2018 Act are provided only for the conven-
14	ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
15	legislative intent in the enactment of this 2018 Act.
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17	<b>"EMERGENCY CLAUSE</b>
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19	"SECTION 6. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
20	peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect
21	on its passage.".
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