

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2173 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Oregon Broadband Office within Oregon Business Development Department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Economic Development to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure repeals the sunset date on the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council and creates the Oregon Broadband Office within the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). A representative of the Department of Transportation is added to Council membership. Duties of the council are broadened to include recommending public policy and solutions to address the state’s broadband needs and goals. The bill also directs the Council to champion statewide access to broadband services.

The measure corresponds with a component of *Policy Option Package (POP) 090 - Analyst Adjustments*, within the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) budget (SB 5524). The POP requests 9 positions (4.74 FTE) which include the following: Principal Executive Manager E (0.83 FTE), two Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (1.66 FTE), Administrative Specialist 2 (0.25 FTE), Information Systems Specialist 8 (0.50 FTE), Procurement and Contracts Specialist 3 (0.50 FTE), Research Analyst 3 (0.50 FTE), Public Affairs Specialist 2 position (0.25 FTE), and an Accountant 2 (0.25 FTE). The positions requested, as well as professional service and Attorney General costs are estimated at \$1.12 million Lottery Funds (LF) in the 2019-21 biennium and \$2.3 million in the 2021-23 biennium.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation, related to the Council membership, is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters.

Further Analysis Required

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.