HB 3061 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development

Action Date: 04/03/19
Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Barreto, Bonham, Drazan, Fahey, Helm, Lively, Marsh, McKeown, McLain, Wallan,

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Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact **Prepared By:** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 3/25, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows political subdivision to convey real property to a nonprofit, municipal, or private corporation for the purpose of providing broadband service. Requires instrument conveying real property to restrict use and include provision for reversion of property if not used to provide broadband service. Allows political subdivision by resolution to waive or relinquish reversionary interest in transferred property after less than 20 years if determined to be in the public interest. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Applicability to other communities or situations
- Community broadband needs for the small cities of Merrill and Malin in Klamath County
- Separate authorities to sell versus lease real property

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The term "political subdivision" refers to any local government unit, including, but not limited to, a county, city, town, port, dock commission, or district, that exists under Oregon laws and has power to levy and collect taxes. Current law allows political subdivisions to transfer the title of its property, with certain restrictions, to any of the following: a governmental body; a qualifying nonprofit or municipal corporation for low income housing, social services, or child care services; or a nonprofit or municipal corporation for the creation of open space, parks, or natural areas.

House Bill 3061 adds providing broadband service to the purposes under which a political subdivision may convey real property to a nonprofit, municipal, or private corporation. The measure specifies that the conveyance instrument must restrict the use to providing broadband services and require the property to revert to the public body if not used consistent with this purpose. The measure also allows a political subdivision to waive or relinquish their reversionary interest in transferred property before 20 years if it is determined to be in the public interest.

Carrier: Rep. Reschke