

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3065

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

April 5

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a public process for the**
3 **purpose of investigating the continuing relevance of the carrier of last resort obligations**
4 **provided for under ORS 759.500 to 759.570. The investigation shall focus on whether develop-**
5 **ing industry trends, technologies and policy drivers in the telecommunications sector impact**
6 **the existing regulatory system administered by the commission for ensuring adequate and**
7 **reasonable access for residential customers to telecommunications service in all areas of this**
8 **state.**

9 **“(2) As part of the public process established under subsection (1) of this section, the**
10 **commission shall investigate changes to the existing regulatory system and incentives that**
11 **could accommodate developing industry trends and support new policy objectives without**
12 **compromising residential customers’ access to reliable and safe service at just and reason-**
13 **able prices in an adequate and nondiscriminatory manner. The investigation required by this**
14 **subsection shall specifically focus on:**

15 **“(a) Customers whose individual circumstances and needs may impact their access to and**
16 **usage of telecommunications services, including low-income customers;**

17 **“(b) Residential customers with access at their domicile to fewer than two of the fol-**
18 **lowing terrestrial-based service alternatives:**

19 **“(A) Telecommunications services provided by a facilities-based competitive local ex-**
20 **change carrier;**

21 **“(B) Voice service offered via interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol; or**

22 **“(C) Voice service offered by a cellular communications service; and**

23 **“(c) The comparability of voice service offered by wireless Internet service providers and**
24 **satellite providers.**

25 **“(3) If the commission determines that changes to the existing regulatory system and**
26 **incentives would be in the interest of residential customers and the public generally, the**
27 **commission shall develop plans to administratively implement changes to the regulatory**
28 **system and incentives within its existing statutory authority or shall make recommendations**
29 **to the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of legislatively implementing changes to the**
30 **regulatory system and incentives.**

31 **“(4) As part of the public process established under subsection (1) of this section, the**
32 **commission shall:**

33 **“(a) Solicit input from:**

34 **“(A) All telephony providers, including telecommunications utilities, cooperative corpo-**
35 **rations and municipalities certified by the commission to provide local exchange telecom-**

1 **munications service;**
2 **“(B) The Citizens’ Utility Board;**
3 **“(C) Residents of, or groups who represent, residents of rural areas of this state;**
4 **“(D) Advocates for low income persons; and**
5 **“(E) Senior citizens; and**
6 **“(b) Provide the public with an opportunity to comment.**
7 **“(5) The commission shall submit a report on the findings of the public process estab-**
8 **lished under subsection (1) of this section and the progress of investigations conducted under**
9 **subsection (2) of this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim commit-**
10 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development and business and general**
11 **government no later than September 15, 2020. The commission may include, as part of the**
12 **commission’s report, recommendations for legislation.**
13 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.”.**
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