

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 32: Oregon Business Development Department Broadband**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

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The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$1,500,000 in the Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Business Development Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session to expend monies in the Broadband Fund.

The Public Utilities Commission estimated total 2021 revenues for the Universal Service Fund at \$28.1 million and determined that the amount required to ensure basic telephone service totaled \$26.6 million. Consistent with statute, the difference between these two amounts, \$1.5 million, was transferred to the Broadband Fund at Business Oregon. The requested additional Other Funds expenditure limitation will allow Business Oregon to expend the transferred funding.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.