

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 4092**

#### **Relating to Telecommunications**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: General Government Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Golden

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HB 4092 implements an operational framework in anticipation of federal funding available for broadband infrastructure. The measure changes the composition and duties of the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council and directs the council to establish a grant application review committee, to report annually on the status of broadband strategies, and provide a listing of grants or loans provided by the Oregon Broadband Office.

The Oregon Broadband Office is directed to perform a number of tasks including:

- Development of a Broadband Action Plan and a Digital Equity Plan that addresses requirements of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Collection of geospatial and other data from internet service providers and other entities with broadband infrastructure to determine eligibility for grants and loans and confirm the allocation of funds from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the State.

The measure establishes the Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund to be used by Oregon State Library for providing matching funds for federal moneys received for broadband access projects of eligible libraries in the state.

The measure also directs the Public Utility Commission to investigate and make recommendations on the feasibility of expanding the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program to support broadband internet access services or other telecommunications services.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 4092 be reported out do pass.