

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 25: Oregon Business Development Department Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Delivery**

---

To:           Emergency Board  
From:        General Government Subcommittee  
Carrier:     Senator Girod

---

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$13.8 million, establish eight permanent positions and 3.50 FTE, and reclassify one existing position to fund the administrative needs of the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program, or BEAD.

The Department currently has 13 employees dedicated to the activities of the Oregon Broadband Office. Oregon’s \$689 million BEAD grant from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is driving the need for the additional positions and a professional services contract to manage an estimated 200 grant contracts serving approximately 130,000 locations. For the remainder of the current biennium, the requested position costs will be partially funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, Capital Projects Fund, as well as supported by Oregon’s BEAD grant. The grant’s administrative allowances for program delivery costs will support positions in future biennia.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.