

HB 4040 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Osborne

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Action Date: 02/13/24

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Bynum, Diehl, Elmer, Javadi, Lively, Nguyen D, Osborne, Pham H, Ruiz, Walters, Yunker

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires that the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council review competitive broadband grant program applications for compliance and make recommendations to the Oregon Broadband Office. It removes the requirement that the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council establish a grant review committee. Further, the measure adds the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center to the county fairs served by the program developed by the Oregon Business Development Department to award grants to county fairs. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council will review grants
- Funding for the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2023 regular session, the Legislature passed House Bill 3201 to provide financial assistance to support broadband access, affordability, and adoption. The measure is a continuation of that work.

The county fair grant program is found in Section 10, Chapter 546, Oregon Laws 2023. The program currently doesn't support the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center. The measure allows the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center to apply for grants from this program.