

House Bill 3147

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senators SMITH DB, WOODS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells each state agency to focus on and speed up the process to allow a person to build, site or operate broadband services. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1).

Declares a state goal to capitalize on and make the best use of federal moneys available for broadband service infrastructure.

Directs each state agency to prioritize and expedite the process for permits and other governmental authorizations necessary for the construction, siting or operation of broadband service infrastructure.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to broadband service infrastructure; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "state agency" means any officer, board, com-**
5 **mission, department, division or institution in the executive branch of state government.**

6 **(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the goal of this state to capitalize on and**
7 **make the best use of moneys available under the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund**
8 **(42 U.S.C. 804) and the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program estab-**
9 **lished under 47 U.S.C. 1702, to support access to and expand broadband and other telecom-**
10 **munications services for all Oregonians. However, the Legislative Assembly finds that there**
11 **are limited timelines and multiple deadlines for this state to capitalize on and make the best**
12 **use of the moneys available under these federal programs.**

13 **(3) To further the goal of this state described under subsection (2) of this section, each**
14 **state agency that reviews applications for or makes decisions on whether to issue a permit**
15 **or other governmental authorization necessary for the construction, siting or operation of**
16 **broadband service infrastructure shall:**

17 **(a) Prioritize, over other permits or other governmental authorizations, the review of,**
18 **and the final decision on, permits or other governmental authorizations necessary for the**
19 **construction, siting or operation of broadband service infrastructure;**

20 **(b) Within the authority and discretion otherwise afforded the agency by law, expedite**
21 **review of, and the final decision on, the permits or other governmental authorizations nec-**
22 **essary for the construction, siting or operation of broadband service infrastructure; and**

23 **(c) Complete the permitting or other governmental authorization process in the most**
24 **cost-effective and timely manner consistent with legal requirements administered by the**
25 **agency.**

26 **(4) This section does not apply to permits or other governmental authorizations neces-**
27 **sary to respond to an emergency declared by the Governor.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

2 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
3 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
4 on its passage.

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