

Broadband Related Bills and Resolutions 2021 Session

Oregon Broadband Advisory Council
As of 4-21-21

HB 2410

Prohibits public bodies from contracting with broadband Internet access service providers that do not offer low-income rate program that meets minimum standards established by Public Utility Commission by rule. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator FREDERICK. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity, 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2410/Introduced>

HB 2411

Requires notifications and process for allowing interested telecommunications providers to coordinate with Department of Transportation to include installation of underground infrastructure for provision of broadband as part of certain projects included in Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator BEYER. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity with subsequent referral to Transportation. Public Hearing held 2/24/21. Work session scheduled for 3/11/21. Do-Pass recommendation 3/16/21. Referred to Transportation by prior reference. Public Hearing held 4/20/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2411/A-Engrossed>

HB 2507

Decouples Oregon Telephone Assistance Program from funding offered by Federal Communications Commission. Modifies sunset provisions applicable to Oregon Telephone Assistance Program. Sponsored by Representative MARSH. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity. Public Hearing held 2/4/21. Work Session held 3/11/21 and reported out. Passed by the House 4/4/21. Referred to the Senate President's Desk 4/7/21. Referred to Finance and Revenue 4/12/21. Public Hearing held 4/15/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2507/Introduced>

HB 2508

Requires Oregon Health Authority to ensure reimbursement of health services delivered using telemedicine. Modifies requirements for health benefit plan coverage of telemedicine. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Health Care. Public Hearing held 2/4/21. Do Pass recommendation with amendments. Second reading 4/5/21. Passed by the House 4/14/21. Referred to the Senate President's desk 4/15/21. Referred to Health Care Committee 4/19/21. Public Hearing scheduled 4/26/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2508/A-Engrossed>

HB 2603

Requires owners or operators of undersea fiber optic telecommunication cables to obtain financial assurances and create plan for removal of cable. Directs Department of State Lands to

study permitting processes for undersea fiber optic telecommunication cables and report results of study to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than September 15, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Energy and Environment. Public Hearing held 2/24/21. Do Pass recommendation with proposed -4 amendments 4/8/21. Referred to Ways and Means 4/8/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2603/A-Engrossed>

HB 2613

Sets forth certain requirements related to the permitting and siting of broadband infrastructure. Sponsored by Representative BREESE-IVERSON; Representatives POST, SMITH DB. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity. Public Hearing held 2/4/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2613/Introduced>

HB 2654

Authorizes electric utility to use or allow for use of electric easement in provision of broadband services. Provides process for property owner to bring action for damages if use in provision of broadband services results in expanded use of easement. Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, MARSH, Senators BEYER, FINDLEY; Representative OWENS. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity. Public Hearing held 2/4/21. OBAC member Dave Sabala testified for OBAC supporting the Bill. Work session held on 3/30/21. Do Pass recommendation with adopted -5 amendments 4/8/21. Passed by the House 4/16/21. Referred to Senate President's desk 4/19/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2654/A-Engrossed>

HB 2726

Direct Public Utility Commission to study laws related to rural broadband and provide results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative WITT. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2726/Introduced>

HB 2790

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Curry County for purpose of installing fiber optic telecommunication line to Cape Blanco Airport. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity with subsequent referral to Ways and Means. Public Hearing held 2/4/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2790/Introduced>

HB 2841

Directs Oregon Health Authority to award grant moneys to eligible school-based health center pilot projects to expand access to health care services and improve health and education outcomes for students through telehealth. Defines "telehealth." Establishes eligibility criteria for pilot projects. Directs authority to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on effectiveness and success of pilot projects not later than December 31, 2025. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative

PRUSAK. Status: Introduced, referred to House Committee on Health Care with subsequent referral to Ways and Means 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2841/Introduced>

HB 3256

Directs Public Utility Commission to study laws related to telecommunications and provide results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative Marsh. Status: Introduced, referred to Speaker's desk 2/23/21. Public Hearing held 3/9/21. Do Pass recommendation with adopted -5 amendments 4/8/21. Referred to Ways and Means by order of the Speaker 4/8/21..

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3256/A-Engrossed>

HB 3359

Establishes Task Force on Digital Rights. Sets forth duties of task force. The task force shall develop an initial Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan for Oregonians. The plan must provide a five-year vision and strategic plan for ensuring that all Oregonians have access to digital infrastructure, digital literacy, digital services and data governance. Requires task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to business development no later than September 15, 2022. Sunsets December 31, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Representative PHAM. Status: Introduced, referred to Speaker's desk 2/23/21. Referred to the Judiciary Committee 3/9/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3359/Introduced>

SB 11

Requires health benefit plan to reimburse cost of covered telemedicine health service provided by health professional licensed or certified in this state if same health service is covered when provided in person. Sponsored by Senator BEYER. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Health Care 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0011/Introduced>

SB 290

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to study rural broadband access in this state. Requires department to submit report on findings to interim committee of Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022. President of the Senate presession filed at the request of Governor Kate Brown. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Labor and Business 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0290/Introduced>

SB 423

Allows patient located in Oregon to receive health care services through telemedicine from specified out-of-state health care provider. Defines "telemedicine." Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Dale Penn - Providence Health and Services). Status: Introduced, Referred to Senate Committee on Health Care 1/19/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0423/Introduced>

SB 615

Establishes Low Income Broadband Bill Payment Assistance Fund. Directs Oregon Business Development Department to establish by rule program, to be administered by Oregon

Broadband Office, for providing broadband bill payment assistance to low income households. Sponsored by Sen FREDERICK. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Labor and Business 1/19/21. Public Hearing and Work Session held 4/8/21. Do-Pass recommendation with a referral to Ways and Means 4/9/21. Passed by the Senate 4/19/21. Referred to the Speaker's desk 4/29/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0615/Introduced>

SB 629

Allows pharmacist to use telepharmacy to deliver pharmacy services to patient at remote location. Defines "telepharmacy." Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die. Sponsored by Senator HANSELL. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Health Care 1/19/21. Work Session held on 4/5/21. Do-Pass recommendation 4/5/21. Passed by the Senate 4/19/21. Referred to the Speaker's desk 4/29/21.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0629/Introduced>

SB 697

Prescribes additional requirements for health benefit plan coverage of telemedical health services. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Health Care. Public Hearing held 2/10/21. No recent activity.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB0697/Introduced>

SB 5505

Establishes amounts authorized for issuance of general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates of participation and other financing agreements for biennium. Establishes amounts allocated for private activity bonds. Makes legislative findings regarding benefits to higher education institutions and community colleges from issuance of bonds under Article XI-G of Oregon Constitution. To finance the costs of broadband projects in Oregon communities through grants, loans or other methods, including costs of planning, engineering, improvement, acquisition, construction and deployment of broadband infrastructure, including middle-mile and lastmile infrastructure, costs of acquiring equipment and other technology to operate broadband networks, and costs of acquiring or providing broadband services. Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021. Status: Introduced, referred to Ways and Means 1/15/21. Public Hearing held 4/9/21. Public Hearing scheduled 4/23/21.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB5505/Introduced>

SB 5506

Limits for six-year period beginning July 1, 2021, payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by various state agencies for capital construction. Limits for six-year period beginning July 1, 2021, payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by Higher Education Coordinating Commission for expenditures of bond proceeds for benefit of public universities and community colleges. Sets expiration date on project approvals and expenditure limitations. Extends expiration dates for certain projects. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021. The Bill includes \$100,000,000 for the Oregon Business Development Department, Oregon Broadband Office, Broadband Projects. Status: Introduced, referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means 1/15/21. Assigned to Capital Construction Sub-Committee 4/6/21.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB5506/Introduced>

SB 5534

Increases amount of lottery bonds authorized to be issued for Oregon Business Development Department and Housing and Community Services Department. Authorizes issuance of various other lottery bonds. Establishes funds, or provides for deposit of moneys into existing funds, and appropriates moneys for projects financed. Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under section 9 must be transferred to the Department of Education for deposit in the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund established in ORS 276A.424 for providing matching funds for federal moneys received by school districts for the purpose of providing broadband access to eligible schools in this state. Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021. Status: Introduced, referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means 1/15/21. Assigned to Capital Construction Sub-Committee 4/6/21.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB5534/Introduced>

SCR 9

Requires committees and subcommittees of Senate and House of Representatives, and joint committees and subcommittees of Legislative Assembly, to accept remote testimony given by telephonic or electronic means. Requires Legislative Policy and Research Director to post on legislative website procedures witnesses may follow to testify remotely. Requires director to post procedures within seven calendar days of adoption of resolution. Sponsored by Senator GIROD; Senators FINDLEY, THATCHER. Status: Introduced, referred to Senate Committee on Rules. Public Hearing held 2/23/21. No recent activity.

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