

**SB 393 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows translator district to annex a city entirely surrounded by translator district where cable television corporation operates or has ceased to operate and city electors approve annexation. Permits translator district service fee payor to serve on district board.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History and current operation of Blue Mountain Translator District as Oregon's sole translator district
- Process for assessing and enforcing service charge

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Exempts property outside or within district owned by State of Oregon from district service charge.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statute allows for the creation of a translator district to ensure the transmission and reception of television broadcast signals in remote areas of the state where regular transmission of television programming is not otherwise available to the public. Boundaries for a translator district are subject to the statutory standards for a special district. Owners of property within the district and receiving transmissions are liable to the district for service charges. Owners of property within in an area entirely surrounded by the translator district intentionally receiving service from the district are also liable to the district for service charges. Current statute also requires each translator district to be directed by a board composed of five electors of the district.

Senate Bill 393 allows a translator district to annex a city which is entirely surrounded by a translator district where a cable television corporation operates or has ceased to operate and city electors approve the annexation. The measure also allows a translator district service payor to serve on the district board.