

**SB 393 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**Action Date:** 02/26/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Finance and Revenue. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Dembrow, Girod, Hass, Riley

**Nays:** 1 - Olsen

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/7, 2/26

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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 person who pays district service fees to a translator district to serve on district board. Exempts property owned by State of Oregon from district service charge.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History and current operation of Blue Mountain Translator District as Oregon's sole translator district
- Process for assessing and enforcing the annual \$100 district service charge

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Exempts property 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 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-A 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 person who pays the district service fee to serve on the district board, and exempts property owned by the State of Oregon from the district service charge.