SB 393 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Findley

House Committee On Revenue

Action Date:	06/20/19
Action:	Do Pass the B-Eng bill.
Vote:	5-0-1-1
Yeas:	5 - Findley, Marsh, Nathanson, Reschke, Smith Warner
Exc:	1 - Smith G
Abs:	1 - Hernandez
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Revenue impact issued
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Meeting Dates:	6/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes translator districts to annex a city entirely surrounded by the district where cable television corporations operate or have ceased operations and city electors approve annexation. Gives cities discretionary authority to approve self-annexation into a translator district. Has that district annexation be put to a vote following board passage. Authorizes fee paying district members to serve on the district board, regardless of elector status. Exempts property owned by State of Oregon from district service charge. States that a translator district may not submit annexation question to electors until after December 31, 2020

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Donut hole issue around cities.
- How antennae and use detection have become more complicated.
- Budgeting concerns.
- Affected counties and current availability of service.
- Permissive nature of bill.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A translator district is a district that provides antenna television service to its members by rebroadcasting. Under current statute ORS 354.690, properties that are located within the translator district and use its signal are liable for the district fee. Although there are transmitter co-ops/municipalities in the state, there is one translator district. The translator district rebounds signals to make programming available in parts of the state where it may not otherwise be available through free full power TV stations. Given the shape and terrain of the service district and service area, there are properties that are located outside of the translator district, but can receive and possibly use the signal.