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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3065

On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

"SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a 3 public process for the purpose of investigating the continuing relevance of the carrier of last resort obligations provided for under ORS 5 759.500 to 759.570. The investigation shall focus on whether developing 6 industry trends, technologies and policy drivers in the telecommuni-7 cations sector impact the existing regulatory system administered by 8 the commission for ensuring adequate and reasonable access for resi-9 dential customers to telecommunications service in all areas of the 10 state. 11

"(2) As part of the public process established under subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall investigate changes to the existing regulatory system and incentives that could accommodate developing industry trends and support new policy objectives without compromising residential customers' access to reliable and safe service at just and reasonable prices in an adequate and nondiscriminatory manner. The investigation required by this subsection shall specifically focus on:

"(a) Customers whose individual circumstances and needs may impact their access to and usage of telecommunications services, in-

- 1 cluding low-income customers;
- "(b) Residential customers with access at their domicile to fewer than two of the following terrestrial-based service alternatives:
- "(i) Telecommunications services provided by a facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier;
- 6 "(ii) Voice service offered via interconnected Voice over Internet 7 Protocol; or
- 8 "(iii) Voice service offered by a cellular communications service; 9 and
- "(c) The comparability of voice service offered by wireless internet service providers and satellite providers.
 - "(3) If the commission determines that changes to the existing regulatory system and incentives would be in the interest of residential customers and the public generally, the commission shall develop plans to administratively implement changes to the regulatory system and incentives within its existing statutory authority or shall make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of legislatively implementing changes to the regulatory system and incentives.
- "(4) As part of the public process established under subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall:
- 22 "(a) Solicit input from:

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- "(A) All telephony providers, including telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations and municipalities certified by the commission to provide local exchange telecommunications service;
- 26 "(B) The Citizens' Utility Board;
- 27 "(C) Residents of, or groups who represent, residents of rural areas 28 of the state;
- 29 "(D) Advocates for low income persons; and
- 30 "(E) Senior citizens; and

- "(b) Provide the public with an opportunity to comment.
- "(5) The commission shall submit a report on the findings of the 2 public process established under subsection (1) of this section and the 3 progress of investigations conducted under subsection (2) of this sec-4 tion in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees 5 of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development and 6 business and general government no later than September 15, 2020. The 7 commission may include, as part of the commission's report, recom-8 mendations for legislation.". 9

"SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021."

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