

Requested by Representative MARSH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2173**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 3, before the semicolon  
2 insert “, and section 3, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2018”.

3 On page 6, after line 7, insert:

4 **“SECTION 7.** Section 3, chapter 51, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to  
5 read:

6 **“Sec. 3.** (1) The Connecting Oregon Schools Fund is established in the  
7 State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned  
8 by the Connecting Oregon Schools Fund shall be credited to the fund.

9 **“(2)** The Connecting Oregon Schools Fund consists of any moneys depos-  
10 ited in the fund from whatever source and may include moneys appropriated,  
11 allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly  
12 or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund.

13 **“(3)** The moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the De-  
14 partment of Education for the purpose of providing matching funds for fed-  
15 eral moneys received by school districts, **education service districts,**  
16 **public charter schools or a consortium that is any combination of**  
17 **school districts, education service districts and public charter schools**  
18 for the purpose of providing broadband access to eligible [*schools*] **education**  
19 **facilities** in this state.

20 **“(4)** [*A school*] **An education facility** is eligible to receive matching  
21 funds under this section if the [*school*] **education facility:**

1       “[(a) *Is a kindergarten through grade 12 public school in this state;*]  
2       “[(b)] (a) Receives federal moneys for the purpose of providing broadband  
3 access to [*the school*] **the education facility;**

4       “[(c)] (b) Takes steps to determine whether existing broadband  
5 infrastructure, including fiber-based broadband, may be integrated into the  
6 proposed broadband access project; and

7       “[(d)] (c) Meets any other eligibility requirements established by the  
8 State Board of Education by rule.

9       “(5)(a) Before the department may distribute any state moneys under this  
10 section, the board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this sec-  
11 tion, including rules setting criteria that govern the distribution of the  
12 moneys to eligible [*schools*] **education facilities.**

13       “(b) Rules adopted under this section must take into consideration any  
14 eligibility requirements established by the federal program awarding federal  
15 moneys.

16       “(6) **As used in this section:**

17       “(a) **‘Education facility’ means:**

18       “(A) **A public school that offers education to students in**  
19 **kindergarten or grades 1 through 12, or any combination of those**  
20 **grade levels;**

21       “(B) **A building owned by a school district, education service district**  
22 **or public charter school; or**

23       “(C) **A public charter school building leased from a school district**  
24 **or education service district.**

25       “(b) **‘Public charter school’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
26 **338.005.”.**

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