

HB 2790 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services to distribute to Curry County for installing fiber optic telecommunications line to Cape Blanco Airport. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Cape Blanco State Airport was constructed by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads during World War II and was used by the U.S. Navy. In 1966, the Oregon Board of Aeronautics (which is now the Board of Aviation) acquired the airport from Curry County and the State Highway Department. The airport is located southwest of the community of Denmark and west of Highway 101.

The Cape Blanco State Airport is currently operated by the Oregon Department of Aviation. The airport provides access to the surrounding recreational areas, including several State parks, the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and the Orford and Blanco reefs. There are several large turboprop business aircraft currently operating at the airport.

House Bill 2790 appropriates \$100,000 of General Fund moneys for installing a fiber optic telecommunications line to the Cape Blanco Airport.