

HB 3256-1  
(LC 841)  
3/1/21 (MAM/ps)

Requested by Representative MARSH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3256**

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission, in consultation**  
3 **with the Oregon Broadband Office, the Oregon Broadband Advisory**  
4 **Council and the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program Advisory**  
5 **Committee, shall investigate and make recommendations on the fea-**  
6 **sibility of:**

7 **“(a) Expanding or increasing the plan of assistance established un-**  
8 **der section 6, chapter 290, Oregon Laws 1987, to support adequate and**  
9 **reasonable access to broadband internet access service or other tele-**  
10 **communication services by residential customers with low incomes in**  
11 **this state; and**

12 **“(b) Applying the surcharge assessed under ORS 759.685 to support**  
13 **expanded access to broadband internet access service or other tele-**  
14 **communication services.**

15 **“(2) As part of the investigation required under subsection (1) of**  
16 **this section, the commission shall consider barriers faced by residen-**  
17 **tial customers with low incomes to obtaining broadband internet ac-**  
18 **cess service or other telecommunication services that include but may**  
19 **not be limited to:**

20 **“(a) Equipment and related services needed to obtain and utilize**  
21 **broadband internet access service or other telecommunication ser-**

1 vices;

2 “(b) Legal and regulatory incentives and limitations that may affect  
3 the state’s ability to expand or increase the plan of assistance or the  
4 associated surcharge to support expanded access to broadband internet  
5 access service or other telecommunication services; and

6 “(c) The availability of other forms of federal, state or local support  
7 for broadband internet access service or other telecommunication  
8 services.

9 “(3) The commission shall submit a report on its findings to an  
10 appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later  
11 than September 15, 2022.

12 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31,  
13 2022.

14 “SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
15 date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative  
16 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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