

**HB 2766 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Broadband Office to study barriers and opportunities for investment and deployment of wireline and wireless broadband access points. Directs office to submit report to Governor and Legislative Assembly no later than September 1, 2025.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Established in 2019, the Oregon Broadband Office (OBO) is responsible for the development of broadband investment and deployment strategies for underserved areas, promoting public-private partnerships, supporting local broadband planning, advocating for policies that remove barriers to broadband deployment, and helping communities access federal and state funds.

House Bill 2766 requires the OBO to conduct a study on barriers, investment, and deployment of wireline and wireless Broadband internet service infrastructure by unserved and underserved communities. Barriers including but not limited to process and cost, permitting, regulatory, and economic feasibility. The measure requires the OBO to submit a report including recommendations on how to accelerate the deployment of broadband access points for unserved and underserved communities no later than September 1, 2025.