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Bill Title: Relating to the availability of residential telecommunication services for low-income customers; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Public Utility Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure expands the Oregon Lifeline Plan program to include one-time benefits for low-income customers to purchase personal computing devices that are internet-enabled. In addition, the measures repeals the Oregon Lifeline Plan's sunset date of January 1, 2030; repeals the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program Advisory Council; and removes the requirement that the Public Utility Commission spend moneys from the Residential Service Protection Fund on marketing and outreach for the Lifeline Plan. The measure creates a \$25.9 million Other Funds expenditure limitation for the 2025-27 biennium for use by the Residential Service Protection Fund.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required