

# Senate Bill 16

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## SUMMARY

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Requires that Public Utility Commission administer laws relating to telecommunications in manner that is consistent with goal of promoting access to broadband services.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to broadband services; amending ORS 759.016.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 759.016 is amended to read:

5 759.016. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares[:]  
6 [*1*] that it is the goal of this state to promote access to broadband services for all Oregonians  
7 in order to improve the economy in Oregon, improve the quality of life in Oregon communities and  
8 reduce the economic gap between Oregon communities that have access to broadband digital appli-  
9 cations and services and those that do not, for both present and future generations[; *and*].

10 (2) [*That*] The goal set forth in subsection (1) of this section may be achieved by:

11 (a) Expanding broadband and other telecommunications services;

12 (b) Creating incentives to establish and expand broadband and other telecommunications ser-  
13 vices;

14 (c) Undertaking telecommunications planning at the local, regional and state levels that includes  
15 participants from both the public and the private sectors;

16 (d) Removing barriers to the full deployment of broadband digital applications and services and  
17 providing incentives for the removal of those barriers; and

18 (e) Removing barriers to public-private partnerships in areas where the private sector cannot  
19 justify investments.

20 (3) **The Public Utility Commission shall implement the provisions of ORS chapter 759 in**  
21 **a manner that is consistent with the goal established by this section.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.