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House Democrats Prepare Oregon for Broadband Expansion

HB 4092 lays the groundwork for smart investments in broadband using federal infrastructure dollars

SALEM, Ore. - Today the Oregon House of Representatives passed [House Bill 4092](#), which will allow Oregon to take advantage of more than \$250 million in federal broadband funding. The bill will create a framework for future investments, strengthen state oversight and help develop broadband access at libraries across the state.

“Having access to quality broadband is no longer optional for Oregonians. We must take advantage of this golden opportunity to increase internet access in all of our communities,” said [Rep. Pam Marsh](#) (D-Southern Jackson County). “This bill prepares our state to make smart investments using the funds we expect from the federal government and is an important step towards a robust, sustainable and truly statewide broadband system.”

The bill sets a framework to support planning, oversight and data collection for future investments related to broadband access and digital equity. Oregon is expected to receive a minimum of \$250 million in funding from federal investments in the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). More funding is expected to be available from the federal government after that base funding is distributed.

HB 4092 also establishes the Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund to match federal investments in broadband access for libraries.

The bill passed the House 55-1 and now moves to the Senate.

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