



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR CENTRAL OREGON

Prineville/Crook County

House Revenue Committee
Rep. Vicki Berger, Co-Chair
Rep. Phil Barnhart, Co-Chair
RE: HB 4067

Rep. Berger, Rep. Barnhart and committee members,

As the economic development manager for Prineville and Crook County, I urge you to support the passage of HB 4067. This legislation will provide greater assurance for data centers on matters related central assessment taxes in Oregon. Passage of this bill is not just about taxes, but job creation. Crook County continues to have the highest unemployment rate in the state at 15.3, and has lost over 2,000 jobs since the beginning of the recession in 2008. Needless to say, Crook County is hurting for jobs.

Facebook's data center has had a remarkable impact on both Oregon and Crook County according to a study by *ECOnorthwest*. For the state, facebook has generated \$142.7 in economic activity, \$51.4 million in personal income, and 1,081 jobs. In Crook County, the construction impacts amount to \$15.2 million in economic activity, \$6 million in personal income, and 148 jobs for local workers. The operations of the data center in 2011 are responsible for \$21.3 million in economic activity, \$5.5 million in personal income and 111 jobs. Average compensation for these jobs is \$59,400 (wages + benefits).

Facebook recently announced \$109,000 worth of charitable contributions for 2012 toward our local schools and other non-profit and public services organizations. Because all of the investment dollars used to build the facebook data center came from outside of Oregon, the above dollar figures represent a "net" new infusion of investment in Oregon and Crook County.

The passage of HB 4067 is a job creation bill for Crook County, and provides the data center industry with the clarity it needs to grow in our community. I ask for your support on this bill.

Warm regards,

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