



Communications Companies and Central Assessment

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We have no objection to this legislation. It appears that no data centers are now centrally assessed, including those that are not now and have never been in an enterprise zone.

There are significant high value data centers being built right now without this legislation, including:

- Google is building a second building in The Dalles, a \$2.5 to \$2.8 Billion project 852' x 152' x 40' tall. Estimated cost >\$2 billion
- Facebook is building a second, identical, \$210 million facility with plans for a third in Prineville, 300,000 sq feet.¹ They have expansion plans for valued at over \$2 billion.
- Apple is expanding, or just completed expansion, in Prineville.
- ViaWest, with 2 facilities, announced Feb 2015 that it would build a 3rd, this one 200,000 sq. ft.
- T6 Data Centers announced it had started building a 200,000 sq. ft. data center in Sept 2014
- Comcast announced building of their data center as in progress in Nov 2014

However, you are being asked to increase the percentage of non-data center investments that will be allowed from 5% to 10%. We've heard no testimony that explains why this change provides good benefit to the citizens of Oregon. What specific businesses is it designed to benefit? Are they more important than K-12, community colleges, police and fire departments, courts, and the array of human services for which local communities seek support?

** 15-year Rural Enterprise Zone, per agreements

***5-year E-Zone properties per transparency website

**** <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/comcast-invests-hillsboro-oregon-205700329.html> "Construction on the Hillsboro data center is already in progress and is being completed by local Portland contractor, Fortis Construction Inc."

¹ <http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2012/04/09/another-major-data-center-for-prineville/>

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