



# City of Prineville

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March 2, 2015

Sen. Mark Hass  
Chair, Senate Revenue & Finance Committee  
900 Court Street NE, S-207  
Salem, OR 97301

From the Desk of  
Senator Brian Boquist

Rep. Phil Barnhart  
Chair, House Committee on Revenue  
900 Court Street NE, H-279  
Salem, OR 97301

Rep. Mike McLane  
State Rep., HD 55  
900 Court Street NE, H-395  
Salem, OR 97301

To the Oregon Legislature:

The city of Prineville would like to express its support for **SB 611**. The city council believes the passing of this legislation will allow for further development of the data center industry in Crook County. Data centers have become a strategic part of our long-term economic development efforts and are helping to diversify the job base and create new living-wage jobs.

Facebook has provided an enormous economic boost to our community since the company broke ground on its Prineville facility in 2010. Here a couple of data points we'd like to share:

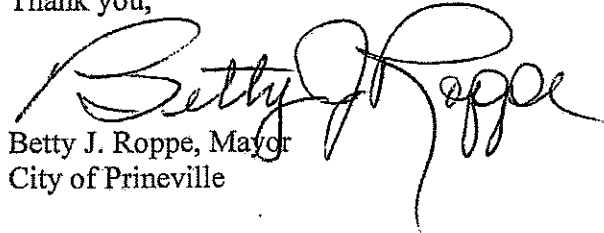
- 150 full-time jobs
- 70% of jobs are local to Crook County
- \$50,000 average wage (salary + benefits)
- \$1.0 million annually to city in power franchise fees
- \$1 million in local investment through grants program and school technology upgrades
- \$110,000 annual community fee
- \$60,000 for local transportation improvements

The ongoing economic activity of the data centers has also provided a boost to local businesses that help service the data center. These businesses include a commercial

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laundry facility, a welding shop, electrical providers, and various maintenance crews. The impact of data centers goes beyond what can be written in a short letter, but we hope this provides you with a highlight of why the continued growth of this sector is so important. The Prineville City Council would like to express its gratitude to the Senate Finance & Revenue Committee for supporting this bill and for the leadership of Sen. Mark Hass, Rep. Mike McLane, and Rep. Phil Barnhart. We encourage the full Senate and House of Representatives to follow suit with the passage of SB 611.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty J. Roppe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Betty" being the most prominent.

Betty J. Roppe, Mayor  
City of Prineville

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