

HB 2063

HB 2770

Chair Barnhart and members of the committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports HB 2770. We feel that the straight repeal of the Gigabyte giveaway is in the best interest of Oregon.

We urge the committee to act only on HB 2770. Trying to fix the 2015 legislation only compounds a mistake made by the 2015 legislature.

Those who provide internet access to Oregon households will react to the market place and do not need to be rewarded with tax breaks.

A month after the original bill was finalized, Frontier Communications released a corporate press release touting their investments in Oregon. If you read closely you will note that they were remarking on the fact that they in the prior year, 2014, would provide 1 gigabyte service to selected areas in Beaverton, Oregon. So do they need a tax reward for doing what they are already proposing or have achieved? (Attachment of press release sent with this testimony.)

Comcast provides quite an extensive timeline on their corporate website. Included in that time line for 2011 is the following statement.

“Brian Roberts demonstrates the first 1 gigabit connection over a live broadband network at the Consumer Electronics Show by downloading close to nine hours of content in about 90 seconds.”

Brian Roberts is the Comcast CEO who has been named 8 times to the *Institutional Investor* magazine “All American Executive Team. Is a CEO whose company reported \$2.3 billion net earnings in the 4th quarter of 2016 according to a Reuter's story in Business Insider make decisions based on tax credits in Oregon? (<http://www.businessinsider.com/comcast-q4-2016-earnings-2017-1>)

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