

March 29, 2017

Chair Representative Mitch Greenlick
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Representative Greenlick, and the Members of the House Committee on Health Care,

Hello, my name is Steven M Brown. I am a Vice President of Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD). I am also a state registered lobbyist on behalf of that Association.

I am here to oppose HB 3268. I respectfully request you to not recommend with a do-pass for the full floor to vote. The following reasons I respectfully wish to oppose this legislation are depicted below.

1. Since 1987, RSPF monies have sustained three main programs (Oregon Telecommunication Relay Services, TTY Distribution Access Program, and Oregon Telecommunication Assistance Program) in which PUC administrates. So far, it runs very effective.
2. Moreover, if repeals RSPF monies then three main programs will be eliminated. I don't want to eliminate the current, existing programs that are considered as efficient, reliable, and very successful operations with no impacts by economic losses.
3. Thousands of Oregonians use existing PUC programs, such as relay services. I do not think we want to lose that.
4. Per to Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), TTYs are essential equipment for these people with speech impairments, as well as for hearing impairments to use telephones. PUC meets ADA mandates, to ensure that Oregonians with disabilities accessing to use their telephones with TTYs. So far, PUC provides and readily available.
5. Furthermore, TTYs tend to be very expensive to purchase, maintain, and repair, if necessary, for the Oregonians to use. PUC provides TTYs at no charge.

Please consider not to support this legislation. Please oppose HB 3268.

Thank you,

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