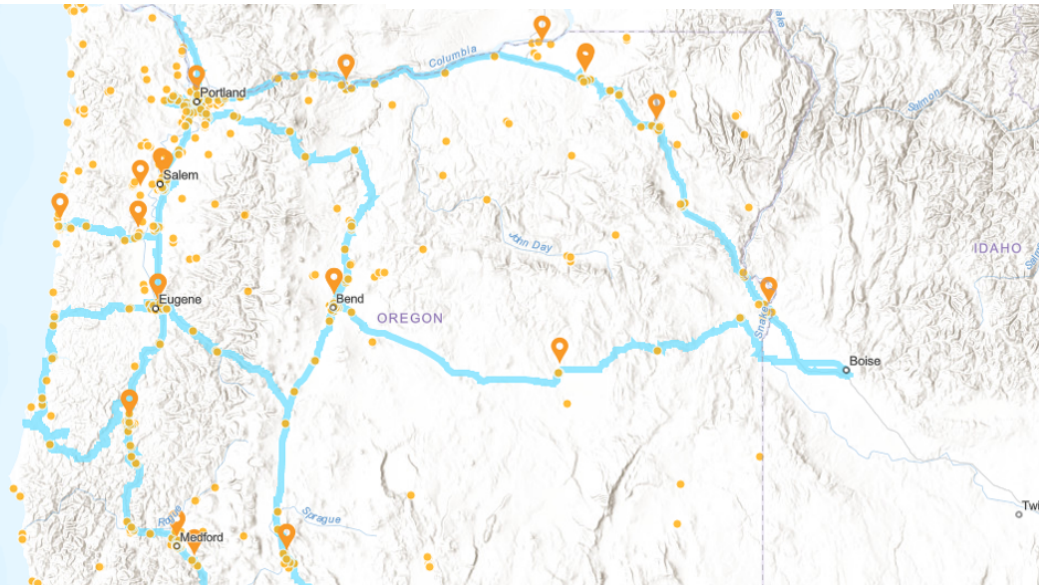


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OREGONFIBER

Oregon has a digital equity problem. Access to high quality, cost-effective broadband is dependent on where you live—particularly, in rural Oregon. There are still **95,134 students** in 19 school districts that lack access to minimum bandwidth requirements. The "2017 State of the States Report" from Education Superhighway finds that Oregon lags in terms of connectivity (**45th**), fiber needed (**42nd**) and affordability (**41st**). At the same time, the state spends a disproportionate amount to provide connectivity to state offices. OregonFIBER, a partnership formed between the Office of the State CIO (OSCIO) and Oregon's four research universities seeks to provide Oregon's schools, local governments, and tribes with better access to more affordable, reliable and higher capacity connectivity through an open-access carrier neutral public core network--partnering with the private-sector to provide last-mile connectivity.

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Enables expanded broadband availability to schools, local government, and tribes; and eliminates 10- year contract limitation on ownership of fiber assets

- 4 AMENDMENT

Enables rural broadband connectivity through public-private partnerships (P3) enablement

