



**Testimony of Kimberly McCullough, Policy Director
In Support of HB 4155 with Amendments – Net Neutrality
House Committee on Rules
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Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon¹ supports HB 4155 (with net neutrality amendments). Recent actions by the federal government have rolled back crucial protections for a free and open internet. We encourage you to take this opportunity to pass a state-level net neutrality law to turn back the tide.

At the outset, we should note our understanding that the bill sponsor intends to amend HB 4155 to remove provisions related to Internet Service Provider (ISP) privacy and to add net neutrality provisions. Anticipating that change, this testimony is focused only on net neutrality. However, **we urge the legislature to introduce and pass legislation in the 2019 session that fully protects Oregonians’ right to use the internet without having to sacrifice our privacy.**

The internet began and has grown as a free and open network. This freedom allowed the internet to flourish: spreading art, music, and creativity across the globe; transforming political activism and civic engagement; and providing a wide variety of social and economic opportunities. **Without net neutrality, our rights and the vitality of the internet are threatened,** allowing ISPs to use their gatekeeper position to speed, slow, or block communication and services on the internet based on who can pay, who they disagree or agree with, or for any other reason. Net neutrality will keep the internet open and free, enabling future generations to fully utilize the greatest platform for free expression, democracy, and innovation we have ever known.

If you have questions or want to hear more, **I encourage you to review the “Net Neutrality FAQ” and “Myth vs. Fact in the Net Neutrality Debate” submitted with this testimony.**

The ACLU of Oregon urges you to Support HB 4155 (with net neutrality amendments) to promote net neutrality and a free and open internet in Oregon! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

¹ The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon (ACLU of Oregon) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with more than 42,000 members in the State of Oregon.