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RE: Support for HB 4155, Net Neutrality

The Oregon AFL-CIO represents 300,000 workers across the state and is a voice for all workers in the legislative process. In our role as a worker advocate, we cannot overlook the critical role access to a free and open internet has provided working families over the past two decades. We understand that HB 4155 is likely to be amended to only include provisions related to net neutrality, so this testimony is focused only on that part of the policy.

Net neutrality is important for ensuring that working families can have their voice heard. Because anyone can use the internet no matter their income, many people whose voices would not otherwise be elevated and heard are able to use the internet.

HB 4155 provides access to a free and open internet by:

- Mandating ISPs disclose information about their network management practices, performance and terms of service
- Preventing ISPs from blocking access to lawful content, applications, and services
- Preventing ISPs from utilizing slow down applications and services to hinder competition
- Mandating ISPs provide equal and unbiased access to content, applications, and services