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VOTE YES on Minority Report - HB 4155A

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Net Neutrality has become an important issue for Oregonians. Like you, we support an open internet where companies do not block, throttle or otherwise interfere with the customers' ability to access the content of their choosing from the device of their choosing. The Minority Report for HB 4155A is the responsible way for the state to approach this issue, by allowing the Legislature to gather information to make an informed decision about the issue of net neutrality.

States are expressly pre-empted from enacting regulation of the internet. That responsibility falls to the Federal government through the FCC and Congress. While we understand the desire to push for net neutrality, there should be serious consideration given to any legislation that seeks to do so. By establishing a task force, key issues will be considered including:

- Analysis of the FCC Order
- State Pre-emption
- Public contracting implications for the state, local governments and school districts
- Network management practices of Broadband Internet Access Service Providers
- Analysis of competition
- Impact executive orders and legislation have had in other states
- Review of current laws and how they can hold companies accountable for complying with net neutrality commitments.

This is a short session. HB 4155A was a gut and stuff amendment that had one public hearing and zero discussion in advance of session. The minority report is the only responsible way to pass legislation on net neutrality in this session. Once a more complete understanding of the issues is compiled, the Legislature could then determine the best course of action.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE MINORITY REPORT.



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