

I OPPOSE [HB 3201]...[HB 3201] turns Broadband into a state funded entitlement.

From The "Summary: [HB 3201] Requires Oregon Business Development Department to provide financial assistance to support broadband access, affordability and adoption. Permits department to establish one or more programs to provide financial assistance. **Requires that department**, when evaluating proposed projects under program to support broadband service infrastructure, give preference to proposed projects that serve unserved areas or underserved areas. **Requires department to establish** by rule, for each program established, certain criteria, requirements and processes. **Makes Broadband Fund permanent. Expands permitted uses of moneys** in Broadband Fund. **Removes requirements** for Oregon Business Development Department **to establish by rule certain criteria, requirements and processes** for temporary program for providing grants or loans to support projects for planning and development of broadband service infrastructure and digital literacy, inclusion and adoption. **Removes requirements for department to give certain preference in making grant or loan award decisions.** Requires Oregon Broadband Advisory Council to include in biennial report evaluation of continuing need for temporary program for providing grants or loans to support projects for planning and development of broadband service infrastructure and digital literacy, inclusion and adoption. Declares emergency, effective on passage."

I knew it, yes siree Bob, I knew it. Quit watching the Oregon legislature for just a second and they'll have you bent-over, grabbin' your ankles and then show you where Geronimo is buried.

Broadband is a consortium of corporate activities for profit.

Taxpayers should not be compelled by law to subsidize any parts of the Broadband projects.

[HB 3201] is making "Broadband" a state funded entitlement when in reality, it is a convenience and or luxury.

Making the "Broadband Fund permanent" proves the intent of the establishment of entitlement.

[HB 3201] does not treat citizens of the United States of America equally under the law.

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Mr. Oregon Concur...We need Broadband and the 5G Network but, it is private enterprise and NOT a taxpayer subsidized entitlement.

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