

Submitter: NW Coast Range

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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Position on this Bill: oppose

Testimony:

#### HB 3201 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

Congress and the WH must have a thing for excavators and fiber optic manufacturers. Oregon legislature assumes and so does DC that rural America would be better served by buried line internet, excluding satellite as an option for household spread far and wide in rural Oregon.

The \$200 million dollar carrot DC is offering the Oregon Legislature for underground internet availability is going to come up short. Farms and Ranches sitting in the middle of sparsely populated counties will chew this carrot up in no time.

Telecommunications companies will abandon or not expand to allow additional customers to connect to fiber optic network. Surely, the telecom industry will take the dollars, but most likely have no intention of upgrading to serve more residents or repairing if a junction of service is not profitable. It should be obvious to the Oregon legislature that Telecom Corporations are all in from beginning for the injection of cash for their industry.

Neighborhood has fiber optic buried along rural Oregon road, but the telecom will not let additional customers to connect because all circuits are filled, same will happen elsewhere, and again taxpayer dollars will be on the wish list for the Oregon legislature to provide internet service to all Oregon households.

Tried hotspot and jetpacks but even that became overwhelmed by rural community heavy use and slow download speeds with the dreaded and infuriating wheel spinning interrupting streaming or internet use at dial up speed.

What about a request of DC for alternative service technology, such as using the money as a rebate to purchase and install internet satellite where internet by fiber

optic burial is over certain number of miles? DC has no firsthand knowledge of west coast terrain, wet weather installs that are prone to moisture corrosion, or how really remote some of Oregon households live.