

Oregon State Council



SEIU
Stronger Together

To: Chair Williamson and Members of the House Rules Committee

Re: Support for HB 4155, Protect our Rights on the Internet

SEIU represents over 73,000 workers in Oregon, from the healthcare industry to property services, and from public services to homecare providers.

Our union believes that equal and unfettered access to the internet is a right, and that net neutrality is critical to supporting that right for two reasons:

1. Transparency and information is a bedrock of a functioning state. The internet is the best way for people to share and disseminate information, and therefore should be treated as a public utility.
2. Our members, many of whom already have to make difficult decisions when it comes time to pay their bills, cannot afford to be nickel and dimed for basic services. Without net neutrality, Internet Service Providers will be allowed to charge one person more than another for the exact same service, for whatever arbitrary reason they like.

At a time when we should be expanding access to information for people should be a priority, the Trump administration has attacked that ability. You, as representatives, have the ability to make that right for Oregonians.

SEIU urges the committee to pass HB 4155 out of committee with a “do pass” recommendation.

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