

Dear Oregon House Committee on Economic Development,
Rep. John Lively, Chair

I support HB 2455. Which, includes developing and expanding broadband Internet access service as form of economic development for which Oregon Business Development Department may fund loans and grants for use in Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region.

Oregon has an excellent example of broadband Internet access service for a rural area. The service area of Peak.org has 100% coverage in the Pioneer Telephone district.

Oregon Pioneer Telephone is a cooperative. When the broadband started many years ago, Oregon State University & Pioneer Telephone formed a partnership to bring rural internet services.

Our rural district was the first in the nation to have a 100% internet coverage. In the beginning we all got dial up service, now we have really good service up to 100 Mbps.

One of the first things Pioneer Cooperative Telephone did was to install fiber optics from Philomath to Waldport, this was many years ago.

Pioneer's district is from Yaquina River south to the Yachats, east to Willamette Valley. Pioneer & Peak servicing area includes 1,330 square miles spread over four Oregon counties with 15 different exchanges.

Please contact Pioneer Telephone Cooperative at **541-929-3135** for further information of how they have provided the best internet service on the Central Oregon Coast. I am sure they would be willing to help.

All of Rural Oregon deserves to have excellent internet service. Pioneer Telephone Cooperative is the best example nationwide for excellent Internet service.

Thank you for your full consideration of these important issues to Oregon. Especially Rural Oregon, which has very lacking service currently. The Central Oregon Coast has excellent service for all customers.

Sincerely,

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