

OUSF EXPANSION & BROADBAND FUND – HB 2184

- Oregon Universal Services Fund was established in 1999 to support basic telecommunications service in rural and remote areas of the state
- Currently 8.5%, paid by landline and some VOIP providers
- Proposal will expand surcharge to cell & remaining VOIP providers
- For cell providers, surcharge only applies to the portion of the bill dedicated to intrastate calls
- Fund cap of \$30 million for existing uses, and \$10 million for Broadband Fund; total limit of \$40 million
- Goal: maintain current fund & establish a Broadband Fund