

I am the District Manager for a company that owns/operates/or manages 15 cable landing stations in Oregon and Alaska. We have done so successfully for the past 20+ years with no impact to the environment in either state. The burden this bill puts on cable operators that are considering Oregon for landing their cables would be significant. The cables are designed to last 20-25 years with extensions to that with recertification of the technical qualities of the cable. It would be difficult if not impossible to calculate the financial assurances of removing a cable that far into the future. I would also maintain that this bill could very likely dissuade cable operators from landing their systems in Oregon. The financial impact of that is difficult to calculate but franchise fees, property taxes, permits, and the employment opportunities would be fairly significant I would think. Oregon already requires significant bonding and permitting. By adding this burden to cable operators, it makes Oregon less attractive for telecommunications companies to land cables on our coast. I think the bill should be amended in some form to make this less onerous to operators of undersea telecom cable systems.