

## **I OPPOSE [HB 3249]...Sunset the Broadband Fund without remorse or hesitation.**

The "Text: [HB 3249]" states, "SECTION 3. ORS 759.425, as amended by section 3, chapter 17, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), is amended to read: 759.425. **(1)(a) The Public Utility Commission shall establish and implement a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory universal service fund.** The commission shall: **(A)** Use the universal service fund to ensure basic telephone service is available at a reasonable and affordable rate[.]; and **(B) Transfer from the universal service fund** to the **Oregon Business Development Department for deposit in the Broadband Fund** established under section 4, chapter 17, Oregon Laws 2020 (first special session), an amount per year that is equal to the lesser of: **(i)** \$5 million; or **(ii)** The remainder of moneys deposited in the universal service fund that are unobligated after making the designation required in paragraph (b) of this subsection. **(b)** The commission shall designate the amount of moneys deposited annually in the universal service fund to be used to ensure basic telephone service. **The amount designated under this paragraph may not exceed \$28 million per year.**"

### **Broadband FUND is a state funded entitlement.**

Broadband is a consortium of corporate activities for profit.

Taxpayers should not be compelled by law to subsidize any parts of the Broadband projects.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr...I always enjoy the Sunset especially, when the Sunset shuts down a taxpayer subsidized entitlement.

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