

## SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE

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April 23, 2001 — 8:10 A.M. - HEARING ROOM A - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

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Members Present: Senator Ted Ferrioli, Chair

Senator Lee Beyer, Vice Chair

Senator Susan Castillo

Senator Tony Corcoran

Senator John Minnis

Senator Charles Starr

Members Excused: Senator Gary George

Staff: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer

Ed Waters, Economist, Legislative Revenue Office

Carol Phillips, Committee Assistant

Witnesses: Terry Edvalson, Eastern Oregon  
Telecommunications Consortium

### TAPE 115, SIDE A

005 Chair Ferrioli Meeting called to order at 8:28 a.m.

OPENED WORK SESSION ON SB 479-A

010 Ed Waters SB 479-A establishes a tax credit for advanced telecommunica-tions facilities in underserved areas, equal to 20 percent of the certified cost of the facilities. Requires taxpayer to obtain certification from the Economic and Community Development Department in order to claim the

tax credit. Allows certifications to be issued between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2005. Limits the total amount of facility costs certified in a year to \$10 million.

Questions and answers interspersed.

#### INVITED TESTIMONY

052 Terry Edvalson Testified in support of SB 479-A. Stated that telecommunications investment in rural and underserved urban areas is approximately ten to twelve years out. Affected areas do not want to wait that long for service, so this and related bills are meant to speed up the timetable.

Extensive questions and answers interspersed.

163 Vice Chair L. Beyer MOTION:  
MOVES SB 479-A TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

181 Chair Ferrioli ORDER:  
  
ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIES: 5-1-1  
  
SENATORS VOTING AYE: CASTILLO, MINNIS, STARR, L. BEYER, FERRIOLI  
  
SENATOR VOTING NO: CORCORAN  
  
SENATOR ABSENT: GEORGE  
  
Sen. L. Beyer will carry the bill on the Senate Floor.

190 Chair Ferrioli Adjourned meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Carol Phillips Kim Taylor James

Committee Assistant Revenue Office Manager

Exhibit Summary:

1. SB 479-A, Waters, Revenue Impact Statement, 1 pp.