



Education SUPERHIGHWAY

HB 2173 and HB 2184

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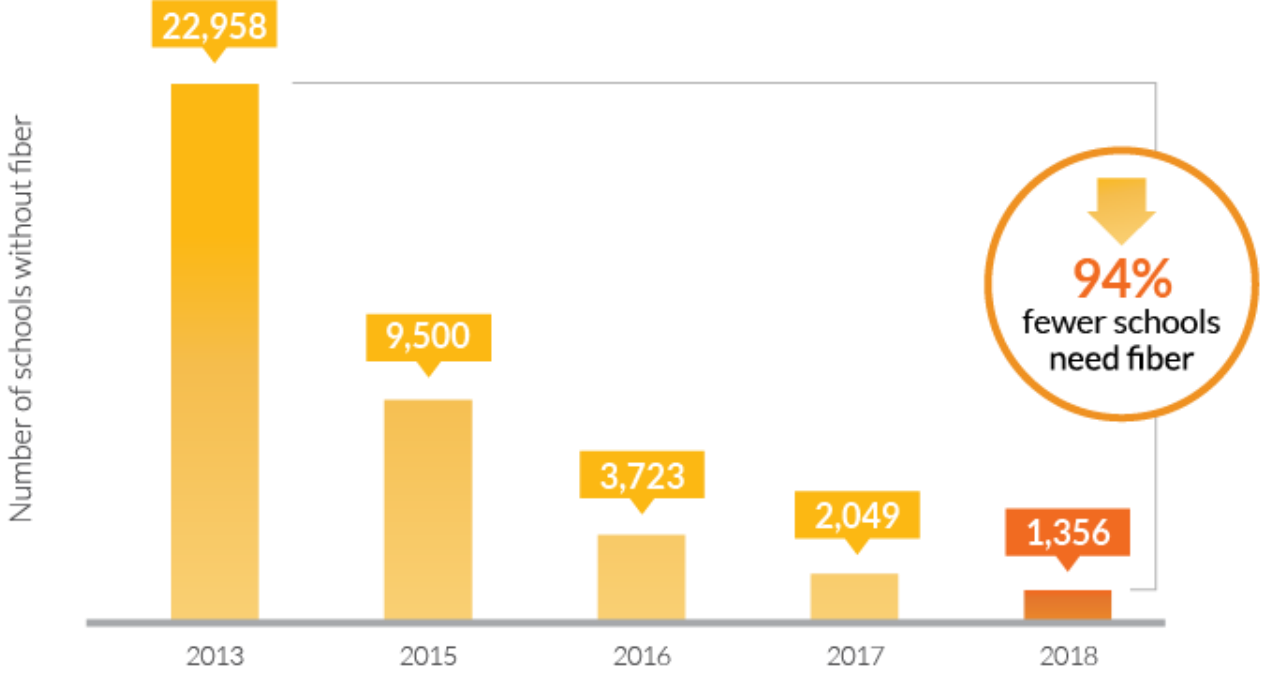




Our mission

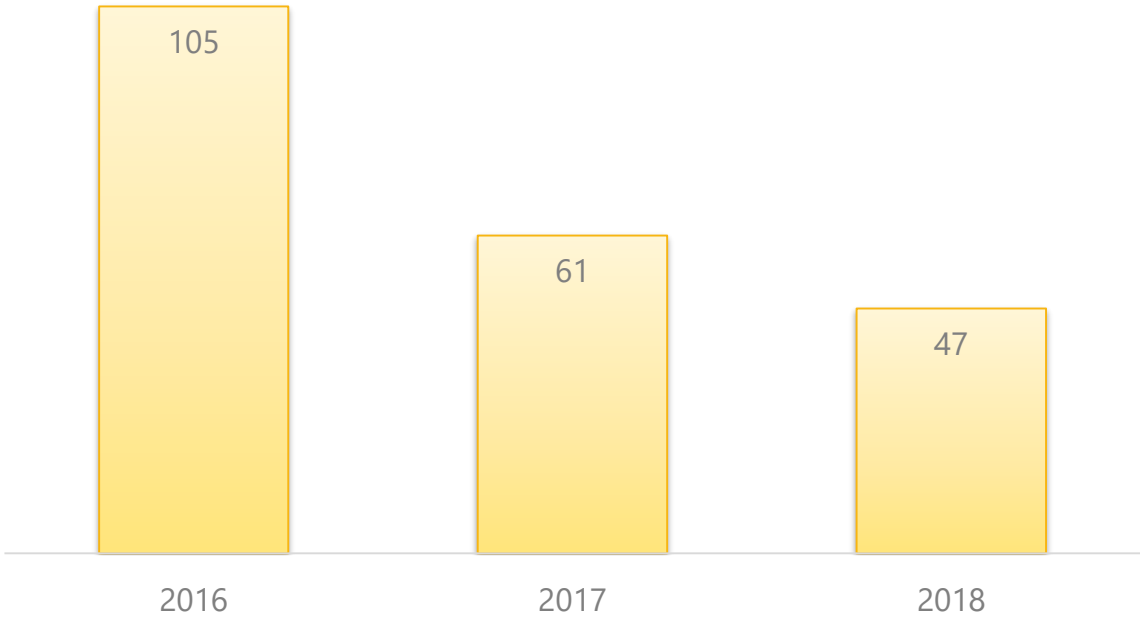
Upgrade the Internet access in every public school classroom in America so that all students can take advantage of the promise of digital learning.

Over 98% of schools nationally have fiber connections



In Oregon, 47 schools are still limited by their infrastructure

Schools without scalable infrastructure

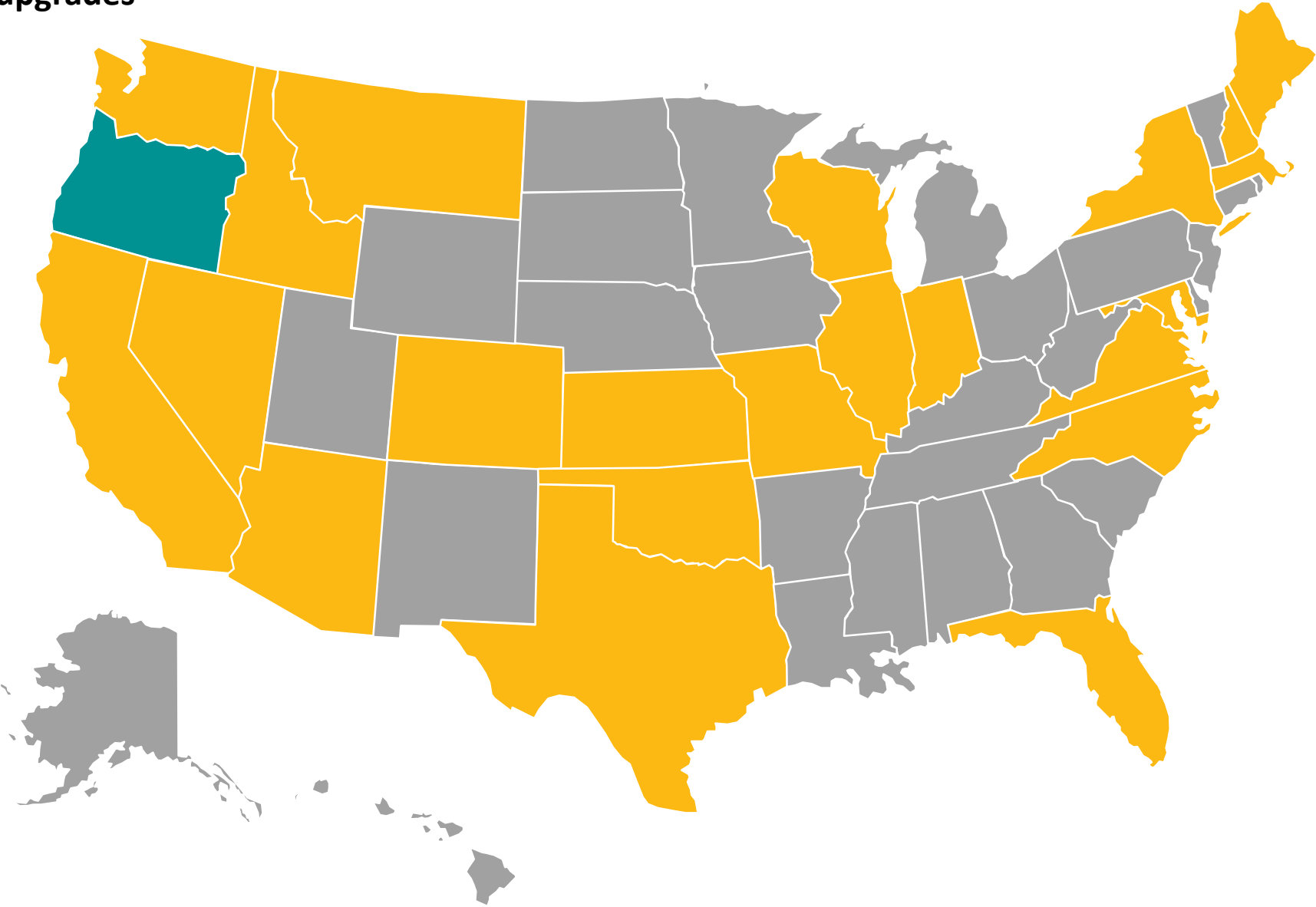


E-rate fiber match fund can help close the gap in Oregon

E-rate modernization in 2014 created an unprecedented opportunity for states to assist schools that need fiber construction

- \$500 K cap has been suspended on construction costs
- More flexibility to pay non-discounted portion of construction costs
- Could help service providers build out their networks
- **Additional 10% E-rate discount if state has a matching fund**

23* states have established matching funds to enable school broadband upgrades



A \$6M investment will enable \$66M in broadband infrastructure

$$\begin{array}{r} \$6M \\ \text{State of} \\ \text{Oregon} \\ \text{Investment} \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} \$5M \\ \text{Oregon school} \\ \text{districts} \\ \text{investment} \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} \$55M \\ \text{Federal E-rate} \\ \text{program} \\ \text{investment} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \$66M \\ \text{Total broadband} \\ \text{investment for} \\ \text{Oregon Schools} \end{array}$$

Note: \$1.5M in state funding is estimated to enable projects ready to move forward this year

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EducationSuperHighway helped 23 states establish matching funds

HB 2173 and HB 2184 provide support for school broadband into the 21st Century:

- HB 2173, by establishing the Oregon Broadband Office and the Broadband Advisory Council with a mandate to “pursue and leverage federal sources of broadband funding and promote digital literacy, equity and inclusion”
- HB 2184 by expanding the definition of “retail telecommunications service” makes available added resources to continue to leverage the federal e-rate program.