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Subject: Testimony in opposition to SB 74

Testimony SB 74

Please enter this into the record as my testimony on Internet for schools.
Senators,

I am writing in opposition to SB 74, because it is yet another attempt to build infrastructure using federal funds, think RFD, while driving up costs for consumers.

There is no universal right to the internet, in my summer community of Cooper Landing my access is under Interior Telephone and is much higher and slower than the internet I have in Anchorage my winter town.

Cooper landing school and Library both benefit from these funds as do the hundreds of seasonal employees and tourists that use it for free in the Library.

We used to have pay phones for a reason, to help defray the cost, upping the speed adds to the cost, not limiting the access to the school calendar and school hours allows for free riding.

This bill uses federal Universal Access funds to add a very expensive luxury to our schools and libraries, that we all pay for.

Please read the Article in IEEE spectrum

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109 Microwave Towers Bring the Internet to Remote Alaska Villages

A \$300 million telecom project will boost speeds or provide service to many for the first time

By Amy Nordrum

"So was it worth \$300 million to bring slightly better Internet to approximately 45,000 people in 84 rural villages spread out over an area roughly the size of Germany? "

The answer is yes as the state funds this expansion by subscription..

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