

PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 1312

Protecting Net Neutrality

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Purpose of bill

This bill protects open internet in Colorado. The net neutrality decision by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in December 2017 reversed the Obama-era Open Internet Order.

This decision allows Internet service providers (ISPs) to potentially charge fees associated with certain websites or pages. Telecommunications companies will have the ability to slow internet traffic, charge access fees for faster service, and potentially block lawful content.

This could disproportionately hurt individuals and small businesses, while privileging large companies that can pay for better access and data speeds.



HB 1312 would ensure that:

- telecommunication companies in Colorado that use taxpayer money to provide services cannot charge additional access fees to consumers, or fees to websites to ensure faster speeds.
- companies that receive Broadband Support Mechanism assistance as directed by SB 2 must provide net neutral service.
- state contracting will prefer internet service providers that deliver net neutrality.

An Existing Tool for a New Problem

Other state contracting preferences include:

- a preference for recycled paper and recycled products (24-103-903)
- a preference for environmentally preferable products (24-103-904)
- a preference for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (24-103-905)
- a preference for Colorado agricultural products (24-103-907)
- a preference for recycled plastic products (24-103-909)

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