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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue  
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**RE: Support for Senate Bill 571**

Chair Hass and Members of the Committee:

The City of Bend supports Senate Bill 571, which would amend current law to clarify that data centers are not subject to central assessment under ORS 308.515 and are instead assessed locally.

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From the City's perspective, Oregon's current central assessment system lacks the proper balance between incentivizing business development and recovering costs for basic services. As your committee continues to work through the larger and more complex issue of central assessment via SB 570, we encourage you to address data centers separately and advance SB 571 on its own merits.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter which is important for the state as a whole and Central Oregon in particular.

Sincerely,

Eric King  
*City Manager*