



April 24, 2017

Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Business and Transportation Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: City of Eugene Support of HB 2091

Dear Chair Beyer:

The City of Eugene has telecommunications policies regarding endorsing and advocating for policies in which residents, businesses, and public institutions can have access to a full range of telecommunications services at reasonable, affordable rates.

The City is supportive of the OPUC program outlined in HB 2091, which is aimed at promoting broadband deployment and use in rural areas of Oregon. Urban areas like Eugene want our rural partners to benefit from enhanced broadband services. This rural/urban collaboration is fully in action as Eugene and Lane County are working together to deliver high speed fiber service from a new improved 'Middle-Mile' peering point included in the Eugene Fiber Project. This new infrastructure will deliver high speed services at low cost to rural communities throughout Lane County.

Thank you for your consideration of our support of HB 2091.

Sincerely,

Pam Berrian

Telecommunications Program Manager- (submitted electronically).