

SB 394 Committee Letter

Hon. Senator Chuck Riley,

The Union County Farm Bureau supports legislation submitted by the Blue Mountain Translator District that will improve the emergency services infrastructure in Union County. Among other provisions, Senate Bill 394 will explicitly authorize BMTD to aggregate and transmit local emergency alerts over its signals. BMTD has been broadcasting TV channels from Portland and Boise since 1978, and we agree that they can better serve Union County farmers by transmitting local emergency alerts on their signals. Union County farmers experiences dangers from fires, extreme weather, and other hazards, and BMTD can become a valuable asset in the mission to ensure that emergency alerts reach local farmers on all available media.

Union County Farm Bureau thanks the Committee on Business and General Government for holding the first hearing on translator district statutes since 1997. We hope that the Committee will recognize SB 394's benefits to Union County farmers and move Senate Bill 394 to the Senate floor for a vote.

Best regards,



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