

Good afternoon,

I strongly support HB 2560 and encourage your support, especially because it benefits predominantly rural Oregonians.

Although local governments did not plan for this current 'trial period,' they've achieved two results that would be too costly with other communication tools. Remote access to meetings of mostly volunteer boards -- making decisions about the day-to-day operations of local government -- has helped to both re-engage rural Oregonians in local matters and re-gain trust in government.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my support for HB 2560.