

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 3201

Chair, Bynum, Vice-Chairs Morgan and Nguyen, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Wlnsvey Campos, I use she/her pronouns, I am the State Senator for Senate District 18 which covers Aloha, Beaverton, Hillsboro, and parts of unincorporated Washington County. I am here submitting this testimony in support of HB 3201, which aims to bring the Oregon statue into alignment with the federal rules, guidance, and best practices by eliminating unnecessary restrictions on the Broadband Fund.

I support this legislation because I know firsthand the importance of creating greater access to internet services and how impactful that can be on communities who need it most. We must address the digital divide that will allow for more Oregonians to have greater access to affordable, reliable, and fast internet. Insufficient broadband connectivity makes it difficult to use vital services like telehealth visits for health care, remote working, distant learning, and civic engagement. As the trend toward moving more services online intensifies, this makes having access to the internet and having digital skills even more crucial.

These funds are intended to strengthen digital equity in historically underprivileged and unserved areas all around the state. Passage of this legislation will allow the increase of public access to high-speed broadband internet.

Colleagues, I urge your support for HB 3201.

Thank you for your time.

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