

Statement in SUPPORT of SB 505

To: Senate Committee on Business and General Government

From: Sunriver Owners Association

Date: February 7, 2019

Dear Chair Riley:

On behalf of the Sunriver Owners Association, I would like to offer our support of SB 505 (requiring a statewide broadband plan) and urge the Senate Committee on Business and General Government to vote in favor of this legislation.

Sunriver is a small community that is rurally situated about 15 miles south of Bend. Although Sunriver does currently have internet access, keeping pace with ever-advancing technology will be vital in ensuring that our community remains effectively connected -- for commerce, for communication, and for public safety, among other uses.

Advancing this goal is a major initiative for our community. At present, our board has appointed a workgroup that will be including a broadband consultant. This workgroup is tasked to examine the current broadband infrastructure in Sunriver and provide the board with a report for improving broadband services within Sunriver.

If there is any manner in which the Sunriver Owners Association could participate in any statewide subcommittee or taskforce as a representative from Central Oregon, we would be happy to bring our efforts to the fore.

Please vote YES on SB 505.

Thank you.

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