



February 1, 2022

Representative John Lively, Chair
House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: City of Eugene Support of HB 4092 and -2 Amendments

Dear Chair Lively:

The City of Eugene has telecommunications policies establishing and advocating for improvements of local telecommunications services and infrastructure so that residents, visitors, businesses, and public institutions can have access to a full range of telecommunications services at reasonable, affordable rates.

The City is supportive of the proposed improvements of the Oregon Broadband Office programs outlined in HB 4092, which is aimed at promoting inclusive broadband deployment in Oregon. Urban areas like Eugene still receive resident concerns that competition is not strong enough to drive prices down. But enhancements are occurring, and this legislation would ensure that the Oregon Broadband Office system of governance, data sharing, and funding programs are coordinated and collaborative. HB 4092 reflects the importance of Broadband to the underserved communities across Oregon that don't have the infrastructure in place to get high speed telecommunications service.

Additionally, we support the -2 amendment, specifically Section 4, which will assist local government's ability to access federal infrastructure act funding in collaboration with the state.

Thank you for your consideration of our support of HB4092.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lucy Vinis