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To: House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Re: **Support for HB 3104- Rural Community Resource Center**

I am writing to ask that you adopt HB 3104 into law for the purposes of helping our smaller communities (including Sutherlin) to improve their local economy while planning for and completing essential infrastructure system construction and other quality of life community projects.

The City of Sutherlin is a fast-growing rural community with an approximate population of 9,000 people. We are currently in the process of finding a consulting expert to assist us in updating our Parks Master Plan. Next year we will be preparing for new water, wastewater master plan and updating our local transportation system plan with ODOT.

Completing these plans and proceeding to the engineering, design, finance and construction elements of these master plans all require some outside expertise in the process, all the way through to execution and completion.

Sutherlin and hundreds of smaller rural Oregon communities have an overwhelming need for a resource which could come alongside our staff and assist in these projects.

Finally, please recognize the critical link between successful projects such as this and community quality of life, further linked to positive economic development.

Thank you for consideration of my appeal on behalf of the citizens of the City of Sutherlin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry Gillham".

Jerry Gillham

City Manager