



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-1

For the meeting of: February 23, 2016

Date: February 9, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn  
Subject: Letter of Support for AB 1758 (Stone)--The Internet for All Now Act of 2016

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Assembly Member Mark Stone has introduced legislation which would provide additional funding for of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), which was created to assist providers in deploying broadband to rural and remote places.

AB1748 sets a goal of 98% broadband deployment throughout every region in California; 90% of all households online by 2023; and authorizes funding to assist low-income households get online.

Redwood Coast Connect has been asked by the author to reach out to the Board of Supervisors to consider a letter in support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

**REVIEW:**

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

☒ Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Fennell, Lovelace, Bass

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Absent Sundberg, Bohn

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

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Dated: Feb. 23, 2016

By: 

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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February 23, 2016

The Honorable Mark Stone  
Assembly Member, District 29  
P.O. Box 942849; State Capitol, Room 5155  
Sacramento, California 94249-0029

**Re: AB1758 – Internet for All Now Act of 2016 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to express our support for **AB1758 (Stone)**, the **Internet For All Now Act of 2016**, which would add needed funding and improve management of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF).

**AB1758** is essential to ensure the State meets the Legislature's statutory goal to achieve 98% broadband deployment in every region of California. The measure sets a new goal of 90% adoption by 2023 and authorizes funding to assist low-income households to get online so that our most disadvantaged residents can be included in the Digital Economy.

**AB1758** is not an increase in fees or taxes—it continues an existing collection that is a few cents a month for telecommunications customers. In fact, CASF was established by the Legislature in 2008 by reducing a fee that previously was collected to subsidize telephone service and rededicated it to broadband infrastructure.

We commend you on your commitment to help close the digital divide in California.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: Assembly Member Jim Wood  
Senator Mike McGuire

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