



SENATE FLOOR ALERT

Join us in supporting SB 556 (Dodd)

The California Connectivity Act

Californians rely on wireless services for distance learning, telehealth, public safety, remote working and more. The pandemic demonstrated the demand for reliable, high speed wireless broadband connectivity. Wireless communication is how we live today and in the future.

- **SB 556 (The California Connectivity Act) supports the efficient deployment of small wireless facilities – also known as small cells - by refining requirements and bringing California into conformance with existing federal and state laws which promotes greater clarity for wireless permit review.**
 - Preserves local control over safety concerns and aesthetic conditions and conforms with all state and local safety and zoning regulations for small cells, including state regulations for wireless network resiliency.
- **SB 556 provides reasonable, non-discriminatory access to publicly owned utility and government streetlight and traffic signal poles at rates defined by a clear, 'cost-based' formula that already exists in California statute.**
 - Steady deployment of wireless infrastructure and 5G – from cities to remote rural areas – is vital to ensure all residents benefit from the rapid advances in wireless technology. Small cells are one of the ways those services are delivered.
- **SB 556 empowers California to create a predictable siting process and provide the consistency needed to accelerate small cell deployments across the state.**
 - The Boston Consulting Group estimates 5G deployment could generate 736,000 new jobs in the coming decade with \$316.3 billion in GDP growth in California.
- **SB 556 is one of many bills seeking to close the digital divide, so all Californians have high-speed broadband access. This bill will help bring wireless high-speed internet to communities without access today, including a significant number of low-income Californians who rely on smartphones to access the digital economy.**
- **SB 556 has drawn widespread bipartisan support, recognizing the urgent need for wireless services.**

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