

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Edwards C., Girod, Thatcher, Riley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares state policy to promote and facilitate activities by Oregon's health care and education communities and their telecommunications providers to develop network model that provides standards for interoperability. Encourages Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council Health Education Committee to work with health care and education communities and telecommunications providers to develop telecommunications network model.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Telecommunications needs in rural communities
- Health care provider needs in rural communities
- State telecommunications infrastructure capacity
- Need for greater competition in bidding
- Other states that have undertaken similar efforts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's current collection of private and public Internet protocol (IP) networks was developed in such a way as not to be engineered for optimal performance and ability to work well together. As a result, the state's health care and education telecommunications networks do not currently have the ability to fully interface with one another. The Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council is seeking to create a network that would promote the secure exchange of health and education records, including the transfer of records, patient information and workforce education. Such a system of networks would connect all Oregon hospitals and clinics for the provision of tele-health services, and would be interoperable with Oregon public safety networks to coordinate disaster planning and response.

Rural health care facilities frequently lack the sophisticated technology that allows providers to quickly transfer records, obtain second opinions and offer patient education. This health network ensures that all patients and providers have access to necessary information and technology.

Senate Joint Resolution 20 declares that it shall be state policy to promote and facilitate activities by Oregon's health care and education communities and their telecommunications providers to develop a network model that provides standards for interoperability and to establish peering points.