

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Carter, Gordly, Kruse, President Courtney, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/14

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**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:**

- Ability of network to assist in emergency preparedness

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, Oregon's health care computer networks do not interface with each other. Nor do its education networks. The Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council has the opportunity to create a network that would promote the secure exchange of health and education records for the purposes of transferring records, patient education and workforce education. The system of networks would connect all Oregon hospitals and clinics for the provision of telehealth services. Further, it 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.