

House Joint Resolution 6

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expresses policy of state to improve broadband availability and to encourage utilization of broadband applications for benefit of Oregonians and Oregon communities.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Legislative Assembly has declared that it is the goal of the State of Oregon to
3 promote access to broadband services for all Oregonians in order to improve the economy in
4 Oregon; and

5 Whereas the Legislative Assembly has declared that it is the policy of the State of Oregon to
6 encourage and support the rapid deployment of broadband telecommunications services in areas of
7 this state where broadband telecommunications services do not exist, to support the redundancy of
8 critical telecommunications assets in order to ensure adequate homeland security protections in this
9 state and to ensure that a secure conduit is available for emergency communications and public
10 safety networks in all Oregon communities; and

11 Whereas it is the policy of the State of Oregon to promote, facilitate and encourage activities,
12 projects and businesses that improve Oregon's Internet Protocol network infrastructure, perform-
13 ance and connectivity to the Internet backbone network and World Wide Web for the benefit of
14 Oregon commercial, educational, governmental and individual users; and

15 Whereas the Legislative Assembly has found that the improvement, expansion and new con-
16 struction of the telecommunications infrastructure of this state provides the basic framework for
17 continuing and expanding economic activity in this state, thereby providing jobs and economic op-
18 portunity for the people of Oregon; and

19 Whereas broadband telecommunications networks and technologies are emerging as an
20 infrastructure necessary for the conduct of commerce and communication and as necessary to es-
21 tablish and maintain the global competitiveness of this state; now, therefore,

22 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

23 That it is the policy of the State of Oregon to continue its resolve and initiative to improve
24 broadband availability and to promote, facilitate and encourage utilization of broadband applications
25 for economic development, citizen access to government, distance education, tele-health, tele-work
26 and public safety for the benefit of Oregonians and Oregon communities.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.