

House Joint Memorial 4

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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**.

Urges Congress to refrain from enacting legislation that overturns or thwarts intent of Federal Communications Commission regulations concerning net neutrality and to enact legislation that supports authority of commission to regulate Internet service providers for certain purposes.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the content that the public shares through the Internet is a public good and should not be subject to restrictions that Internet service providers, which are not accountable to the public, can put in place for the providers' own purposes; and

Whereas allowing Internet service providers to put restrictions on the free flow of information over the Internet sets a precedent that might allow the providers to discriminate against or restrict information on the Internet for any reason; and

Whereas privacy protections for Internet users are of significant concern and are often subject to the business interests and business practices of Internet service providers; and

Whereas additional concern exists regarding the market power of the few businesses that control access to the Internet; and

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission has adopted final regulations that address most of the concerns set forth in this memorial and that, in the opinion of your memorialists, strike a reasonable balance between those concerns and the expectations that Internet service providers have with respect to their ability to run their businesses responsibly and profitably; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to:

(a) Refrain from enacting legislation that would overturn or thwart the intent of the regulations that the Federal Communications Commission adopted; and

(b) Enact legislation that supports the authority of the commission to regulate Internet service providers so as to protect consumer privacy and promote, protect and enhance the free flow of information over the Internet.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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.