

House Bill 2578

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART (Pre-session filed.)

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**.

Requires telecommunications contract between telecommunications utility and residential customer to allow customer to terminate contract without penalty if customer enters hospice program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to communications contracts.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 759.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "hospice program" has the meaning given that**
6 **term in ORS 443.850.**

7 **(2) A telecommunications utility may not enter into a contract with a residential cus-**
8 **tomer in this state for the provision of telecommunications services for a period exceeding**
9 **three months unless the contract includes a provision allowing the customer to terminate**
10 **the contract without penalty if the customer enters a hospice program.**

11 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2015 Act applies to contracts between telecommunications**
12 **utilities and residential customers entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of**
13 **this 2015 Act.**

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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.