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House Bill 3521

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY

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AN ACT

Relating to a week to celebrate independent media.

Whereas an informed citizenry is a cornerstone of democracy; and

Whereas an informed citizenry depends on unrestrained press that provides greater access to information, many points of view and greater diversity of thought and fact; and

Whereas the trend toward consolidation of media ownership has resulted in journalistic practices that hinder public awareness by excluding or marginalizing minority and dissenting viewpoints; and

Whereas fewer media voices may result in homogenized messaging and the silencing of many points of view; and

Whereas democratic principles support the case for more independent media in the United States, not less; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The third week in April of each year is designated as Independent Media Week to encourage all Oregonians to seek out and explore the rich diversity of independent media available to and within their communities.

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