

House Bill 3521

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY

SUMMARY

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Designates third week in April of each year as Independent Media Week.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to a week to celebrate independent media.

2 Whereas an informed citizenry is a cornerstone of democracy; and

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

6 Whereas the trend toward consolidation of media ownership has resulted in journalistic prac-
7 tices that hinder public awareness by excluding or marginalizing minority and dissenting viewpoints;
8 and

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

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

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

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

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