

Senate Bill 394

Sponsored by Senator BENTZ (at the request of Blue Mountain Translator District) (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**.

Permits translator districts to use specified technologies. Expands authority of translator districts to distribute signals using alternative methods.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to translator districts; amending ORS 354.675 and 354.680.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 354.675 is amended to read:

5 354.675. A translator district shall have full power to carry out the objectives of its formation
6 and to that end may:

7 (1) Acquire by purchase, devise or gift or voluntary grant real and personal property or any
8 interest therein including any rights of way or easements necessary or convenient for its purposes.

9 (2) Sue and be sued in its own name.

10 (3) Build, construct, improve, operate and maintain, subject to other applicable provisions of law,
11 any translators necessary for the transmission of signals intended to be received by the general
12 public.

13 (4) Perform all acts necessary to insure an efficient and equitable distribution of television
14 programming within the district subject to the availability of funds in the approved budget.

15 (5) Make contracts of any lawful nature, employ personnel, including any technical or profes-
16 sional consultants necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 354.605 to 354.715.

17 (6) Apply for, accept and hold any licenses or permits required under federal or state law.

18 (7) **Transmit signals utilizing Advanced Television Systems Committee 1.0 and 3.0 stan-**
19 **dards.**

20 (8) **Aggregate and distribute emergency alerts from federal, state and local authorities**
21 **over transmitted signals or via alternative methods utilized to distribute signals.**

22 (9) **Transmit low power television signals originating on district translators.**

23 (10) **Distribute video-on-demand content via the transmission of signals and alternative**
24 **methods.**

25 (11) **Own and operate low power television channels, or lease and manage subchannels**
26 **when authorized by television stations, and:**

27 (a) **Distribute signals for the channels and subchannels via alternative methods; and**

28 (b) **Finance operations described in this subsection through the sale of commercial mat-**
29 **ter.**

30 **SECTION 2.** ORS 354.680 is amended to read:

31 354.680. [(1) A district shall not delete television commercial matter in the signals it transmits,

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.

1 *without written permission from the broadcasting television station, or in any manner finance the*
2 *district's operation through the sale of commercial matter in the district's transmissions.]*

3 [(2)] (1) A district may, without elector approval but with permission from the broadcasting
4 television station, generate revenue in the district's transmissions through the acknowledgment or
5 solicitation of financial support considered necessary for the continued operation of the translator.

6 **(2) A district may, without elector approval but with the permission of the producer of**
7 **video-on-demand content, generate revenue in the district's transmissions and alternative**
8 **distribution methods through the acknowledgement or solicitation of financial support con-**
9 **sidered necessary for the continued operation of the translator.**

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