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SUMMARY

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to translator districts; amending ORS 354.675 and 354.680.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 354.675 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **(7) Transmit signals utilizing Advanced Television Systems Com-**
2 **mittee 1.0 and 3.0 standards.**

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

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

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

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

12 **(a) Distribute signals for the channels and subchannels via alter-**
13 **native methods; and**

14 **(b) Finance operations described in this subsection through the sale**
15 **of commercial matter.**

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

17 354.680. *[(1) A district shall not delete television commercial matter in the*
18 *signals it transmits, without written permission from the broadcasting tele-*
19 *vision station, or in any manner finance the district's operation through the*
20 *sale of commercial matter in the district's transmissions.]*

21 [(2)] **(1) A district may, without elector approval but with permission from**
22 **the broadcasting television station, generate revenue in the district's trans-**
23 **missions through the acknowledgment or solicitation of financial support**
24 **considered necessary for the continued operation of the translator.**

25 **(2) A district may, without elector approval but with the permission**
26 **of the producer of video-on-demand content, generate revenue in the**
27 **district's transmissions and alternative distribution methods through**
28 **the acknowledgement or solicitation of financial support considered**
29 **necessary for the continued operation of the translator.**