

CHAPTER 699

AN ACT

SB 765

Relating to the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council; and declaring an emergency.
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) There is created an interim task force to be called the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council consisting of 12 members. The membership of the task force shall be as provided in this section.

(2) The Governor shall appoint one member to represent each of the following entities, and in making the appointments under this subsection shall give consideration to recommendations made by the entity the member is to represent:

(a) The Central Oregon Telecommunications Consortium.

(b) The Eastern Oregon Telecommunications Consortium.

(c) The Fiber South Consortium.

(d) The Regional Fiber Consortium (Lane and Klamath Counties).

(e) The North Coast Telecommunications Consortium.

(f) The Southern Oregon Telecommunications and Technology Council.

(3) The Governor shall appoint two members of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council to represent the counties of this state. The Governor shall give consideration to recommendations made by the Association of Oregon Counties in making the appointments under this subsection.

(4) The Governor shall appoint one member of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council to represent the cities of this state. The Governor shall give consideration to recommendations made by the League of Oregon Cities in making the appointment under this subsection.

(5) The Governor shall appoint one member of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council to represent telecommunication utilities in this state. The Governor shall give consideration to recommendations made by the Oregon Telecommunications Association in making the appointment under this subsection.

(6) The chairperson of the Connecting Oregon Communities Advisory Board shall appoint two members of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council. Both members appointed under this subsection must also be members of the Connecting Oregon Communities Advisory Board. The members appointed under this subsection shall work to coordinate the activities and responsibilities of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council and the Connecting Oregon Communities Advisory Board.

(7) The Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council may by a majority vote of the council add members to the council to represent telecommunication consortia coming into existence after the effective date of this 2001 Act or to represent citizen groups recognized by the council.

(8) The Economic and Community Development Department, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the Association of Oregon Counties shall provide staff to the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council.

(9) Members of the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council are not entitled to compensation and expenses and shall serve on the council on a volunteer basis.

(10) The Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council shall study alternative approaches to providing coordinated statewide, regional and local telecommunication services, including providing services to unserved or underserved areas of the state. In addition, the council shall study the manner in which telecommunication investments can be coordinated to facilitate partnerships between the public sector and the private sector and between state and local governments. The council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology.

(11) All agencies, departments and officers of this state are directed to assist the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council in the performance of its functions and to furnish such information and advice as the members of the council consider necessary to perform their functions.

(12) The Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States or its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions thereon not inconsistent with the purposes of the council. All such funds are to aid in financing the functions of the council and shall be deposited in the General Fund of the State Treasury to the credit of separate accounts for the council and shall be disbursed for the purpose for which contributed in the same manner as funds appropriated for the council.

(13) Official action by the Oregon Telecommunication Coordinating Council requires the approval of a majority of the members. The council may recommend legislation, and all legislation recommended by the council must indicate that it is introduced at the request of the council. Legislation recommended by the council must be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology. The legislation shall be prepared in time for pre-session filing by December 15, 2002, for presentation to the regular session of the Seventy-second Legislative Assembly.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2001 Act is repealed on January 2, 2004.

SECTION 3. This 2001 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-

clared to exist, and this 2001 Act takes effect on its passage.

Approved by the Governor July 2, 2001

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