

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

January 25, 2001 Hearing Room 357  
1:00 PM Tapes 3 - 4

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        **Sen. Verne Duncan, Chair**  
                                      **Sen. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair**  
                                      **Sen. Rick Metsger**  
                                      **Sen. David Nelson**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**        **Sen. Jason Atkinson**

**STAFF PRESENT:**         **Marjorie Taylor, Administrator**  
                                      **Andrew Morris, Committee Assistant**

**ISSUES HEARD:**            **Review of Oregon Benchmarks**  
                                      **Presentation on Digital Broadcasting**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 3, A</b>		
005	Chair Duncan	Calls meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and opens an informational meeting on the Review of Oregon Benchmarks.
<b><u>REVIEW OF OREGON BENCHMARKS</u></b>		
013	Jeffrey Tryens	Executive Director, Oregon Progress Board. Presents a power point presentation ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Comments on the benchmark process. Discusses the new economy in Oregon. States Oregon is behind in research and development.
084	Chair Duncan	Asks about the state government's role in research and development.
090	Tryens	Responds that academia has been included into the study. Comments on the importance of the relationship between higher education and research and development. Discusses economical changes. States that Oregon ranks 30 <sup>th</sup> in the nation for diversification.
135	Tryens	States that the tax costs for businesses came down during the 1990's. Relates Oregon's ranking for energy costs. States that highly educated in-migrants moved to Oregon during the 1990's. States that the education level of Oregonians is falling.
190	Tryens	States that associate degrees are very important in the technology field.
225	Tryens	Comments on existing labor force training, which has a flat trend line. States the trend line needs to be raised. States that Oregon has a high literacy rate compared to the rest of the nation.
259	Chair Duncan	States that in the 1980's Oregon was first and second in the nation for literacy rates. States that 60 percent of all households have internet access.
292	Tryens	States that Oregon received a B- compared to the rest of the nation in Information Technology and Management.

335	Tryens	Comments on the public perceptions of public services.
366	Sen. Courtney	Asks about the 60 percent of households who are connected to the internet and the regions that have internet usage.
372	Tryens	Responds he is unsure but can get the regional breakdown.
408	Chair Duncan	Asks about technology jobs.
414	Tryens	Responds it refers to jobs in the technological sector.
433	Chair Duncan	Asks where technology fits into the benchmarks in regard to state government.

**TAPE 4, A**

000	Tryens	Responds that the Department of Administrative Services is putting information onto a database so it can be reviewed.
018	Chair Duncan	Comments on technological uses in state government.
030	Tryens	Discusses definitions of benchmark language. Relates an example.
062	Chair Duncan	States the goal is to improve service.
068	Sen. Courtney	Asks about if the current rankings for Oregon vs. the nation would be around a "C."
073	Tryens	Responds that could be an accurate interpretation.

**OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING: DIGITAL BROADCASTING**

095	Bill Swindells	Chair, Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) Board of Directors. Presents information and a video to the committee ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Comments on digital broadcasting. States the federal government is mandating digital broadcasting.
139	Maynard Orme	Director, OPB. Provides further comments on digital broadcasting. States that OPB's corporate office is local, unlike other television stations. States OPB is ranked third in the nation. Comments on equipment costs.
197	Orme	Presents ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ) video to the committee.
264	Orme	Describes the advantages of interactive digital broadcasting.
310	Chair Duncan	Asks if a student could use the interactive web sites from home.
315	Orme	Responds affirmatively. States the service will be free and accessible in June of 2001. States the quality of service will get better over time.
360	Sen. Courtney	Discusses doing homework over the internet.
383	Orme	Explains other projects that OPB is working on.

**TAPE 3, B**

000	Orme	Continues testimony.
017	Swindells	Provides closing thoughts. Comments on the future of technology in rural Oregon.
045	Orme	Comments on technological development.
064	Sen. Courtney	Comments on student involvement.
101	Swindells	Discusses the interactive capabilities being developed.
120	Orme	Explains technology that is being directed towards younger people.
151	Chair Duncan	States the importance of involving young people statewide.
155	Swindells	Comments on the importance of involving rural Oregon.
162	Sen. Courtney	Asks how much of Oregon's population is reached by OPB.
164	Swindells	States that about 95 percent of Oregon's population is reached.
175	Orme	Discusses issues OPB is facing in service areas.
212	Chair Duncan	Closes the meeting on digital broadcasting and opens a work session to introduce committee bills.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS**

<b>220</b>	<b>Sen. Metsger</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves LC 2546 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill. (EXHIBIT C)</b>
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**VOTE: 3-0**

**AYE: 3 – Courtney, Metsger, Duncan**

**EXCUSED: 2 – Atkinson, Nelson**

**224 Chair Duncan**

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**The motion CARRIES.**

Discusses future committee actions. Closes the work session to introduce committee bills.

Comments on committees that address technology issues.

Adjourns the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

Andrew Morris,  
Committee Assistant

Marjorie Taylor,  
Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – Power point presentation, Jeffrey Tryens, 14 pp.**

**B – Digital broadcasting presentation video, Maynard Orme, oversized.**

**C – Information on digital broadcasting, Maynard Orme, 27 pp.**

**D – LC 2546, staff, 8 pp.**