

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1006

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force on
8 Broadband and Wireless Access in Oklahoma; stating
9 purpose; providing for membership; providing for
10 meetings, election of a chair, quorum, and staffing;
11 providing for travel reimbursement; requiring a
12 report by a certain date; and directing filing.

13 WHEREAS, statewide access to broadband or wireless connections
14 is imperative for the continued economic development of the state
15 and for the citizens of this state to participate in the global
16 economy; and

17 WHEREAS, statewide access to broadband or wireless connections
18 gives all citizens of this state an equal opportunity to have access
19 to knowledge and information; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to ensure statewide access to broadband and
21 wireless connections for their citizens, some states have invested
22 in regulations and incentives that encourage private sector
23 development; and

24 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study examples and models
other states have used to deploy statewide broadband and wireless

1 access so that Oklahoma can implement ideas that have already been
2 proven successful.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
5 CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT there is hereby created until December 31, 2009, the Task
7 Force on Broadband and Wireless Access in Oklahoma. The purpose of
8 the Task Force shall be to study the models used by other states to
9 insure statewide access to broadband and wireless technology, to
10 compare broadband and wireless incentives used in other states, and
11 to make recommendations on a model and incentives to be adopted in
12 Oklahoma.

13 THAT the Task Force shall be composed of eight (8) members as
14 follows:

- 15 1. Seven members shall be selected from among
16 telecommunications, broadband, and wireless providers appointed by:
- 17 a. the Governor,
 - 18 b. the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate,
 - 19 c. the Minority Leader of the State Senate,
 - 20 d. the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
 - 21 e. the Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of
22 Representatives,
 - 23 f. the Chair of the Senate Energy and Environment
24 Committee,

1 g. the Chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation
2 Committee; and

3 2. The Chair of the Corporation Commission or a designee.

4 THAT members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than
5 September 1, 2009.

6 THAT the Chair of the Corporation Commission or a designee shall
7 convene the first meeting of the Task Force by September 30, 2009.
8 Members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the
9 membership. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall
10 constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall
11 impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the
12 powers of the Task Force.

13 THAT staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
14 State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

15 THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
16 serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
17 follows:

18 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
19 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
20 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes; and

22 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
23 by their respective appointing authorities for their necessary
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1 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
2 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 THAT the Task Force shall study the subject matter specified in
4 this resolution and submit a report of its findings and
5 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31,
6 2009.

7 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate, and the Chair of the Corporation Commission.

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