## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Education

MEASURE: CARRIER:

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 3
Yeas:	Clem, Greenlick, Komp, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Dallum, Krummel, Lim
Prepared By:	Derrick Olsen, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/23

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows state institution of higher education to award honorary post-secondary degree to person ordered to internment camp if certain qualifications are met.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Internment camps for Japanese-Americans; President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 in 1942
- Japanese-American soldiers' heroism in World War II
- Post-secondary educations waylaid by internment
- Racism, discrimination
- Correcting past wrongdoing

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

- clarifies that the degree to be awarded is an honorary degree

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2823-A allows individuals who were students at a state post-secondary institution in 1942 and who did not graduate from the institution because they were ordered to an internment camp during World War II to request an honorary post-secondary degree from the state post-secondary institution they attended in 1942. HB 2263-A concurrently allows state post-secondary institutions to grant such requests.

The idea was originally proposed by Andy Kiyuna, a Japanese-American student at Oregon State University.