## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Education & General Government

Session MEASURE: HB 2823 A CARRIER: Sen. Metsger

FISCAL: No fiscal impact		
Action:		Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:		5 - 0 - 0
	Yeas:	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
	Nays:	0
	Exc.:	0
Prepared By:		Dana Richardson, Administrator
Meeting Dates:		5/1

## **REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows state institution of higher education to issue honorary post-secondary degree to person, or on behalf of deceased person, who was a student at the institution in 1942 and did not graduate due to being ordered into internment camp.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Honorary degrees granted to veterans from other conflicts
- Liquidation of assets by those interned

## EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** This year marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Franklin Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066 that authorized the military to forcibly remove and relocate Japanese-Americans living in western states. Nearly 110,00 people were sent to internment camps, 3,500 of them Oregonians. The relocation resulted in lost homes and jobs as well as educational pursuits.