House Concurrent Resolution 14

Sponsored by Representative FREEMAN; Representatives CAMERON, DOHERTY, OLSON, THATCHER, WAND, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WINGARD, Senator KRUSE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Adopts Code of West as model of conduct in State of Oregon.

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2   Whereas Oregon has been and continues to be a state whose residents value a spirit of

3   individualism bound by principles; and

4   Whereas those principles include aspirations to live with strength, courage, self-sufficiency,

5   compassion, hard work, independence and a commitment to the highest moral character; and

6   Whereas the pioneers who forged lives for themselves, their families and their descendants in

7   Oregon shared in the canon of ethics fostered by other early settlers of the western United States,

8   including ranchers, cowboys and peace officers; and

9   Whereas the canon of ethics came to be known as the Code of the West; and

10   Whereas in his book *Cowboy Ethics*, author James P. Owen distilled the Code of the West into

11   "Ten Principles to Live By"; and

12   Whereas Oregonians of the present and future can derive wisdom and guidance from these 10

13   principles; now, therefore,

14   **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

15   That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, adopt the Code of the West,

16   as derived from the book *Cowboy Ethics* by James P. Owen and summarized as follows, as a model

17   of conduct in the State of Oregon:

18   (1) Live each day with courage;

19   (2) Take pride in your work;

20   (3) Always finish what you start;

21   (4) Do what has to be done;

22   (5) Be tough, but fair;

23   (6) When you make a promise, keep it;

24   (7) Ride for the brand;

25   (8) Talk less, say more;

26   (9) Remember that some things are not for sale; and

27   (10) Know where to draw the line.

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