

SCR 26 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bigham for her life as an educator, volunteer, and community advocate in Creswell and Springfield, Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Evangeline Mary Kelsch "Vange" Bigham was born on June 6, 1945, in Springfield, Oregon. She grew up in Creswell, Oregon, and graduated from Creswell High School in 1963 as the salutatorian for her class. In 1964, she married Richard Bigham, and together they had two children. In 1992, she graduated from the University of Oregon and was hired as a teacher at Springfield High School. She taught English and journalism and helped students to publish the school newspaper. After she retired from teaching in 2003, she became a volunteer and advocate for libraries and schools. She served on the Creswell School Board, Creswell Education Foundation, and she was one of the Lane Library District's original board members. She loved fishing, hiking, reading, writing poetry, and spending time with her family.