

HCR 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Gorsek

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/12/19

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boles, Holvey, Nosse, Smith Warner, Sprenger, Williamson, Wilson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commends Mt. Hood Community College and Sandy River Watershed Council for collaborative work in improving fish habitat.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Good work of Mt. Hood Community College
- Fish habitat

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) in Gresham, Oregon, has two Sandy River tributaries, Beaver and Kelly Creeks, flowing through their 212-acre campus. With their campus playing a major role in the health of the surrounding Sandy River Basin, MHCC is committed to responsible stewardship of the land.

MHCC, with the guidance and assistance of the Sandy River Watershed Council, developed a long-term plan, currently being implemented, that identified a range of retrofits and changes to parking lots and structures on campus to intercept and clean stormwater drainage. MHCC is committed to a series of yearly sustainable campus improvements in the coming years, including the addition of permeable pavement, pedestrian walkways, rain gardens, and numerous naturescaping initiatives. Currently, MHCC catches and cleans approximately 2 million gallons of stormwater runoff from its campus each year, which removes 1,600 pounds of pollutants annually. Students, faculty, and staff have been able to participate in various aspects of the project, which offers great potential for enhanced educational opportunities at MHCC.

House Concurrent Resolution 37 commends Mt. Hood Community College and the Sandy River Watershed Council for their dedicated stewardship and leadership of the collaborative project that has made significant improvements to fish habitat in the Sandy River Basin.