

SCR 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Meeting Dates: 5/4, 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commemorates the 75th anniversary of Portland State University and congratulates the university and its alumni on their contributions to the State of Oregon.

Senate Vote: Adopted. Ayes, 26; Nays, 1--Heard; Absent, 1--Boquist; Excused, 2--Gelser, Thomsen.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Origins of Portland State University as Vanport Extension Center
- Values and mission of the university
- Experiences of students and alumni
- Career opportunities for graduates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Portland State University was founded in 1946 as the Vanport Extension Center, located in the housing development of Vanport north of Portland. The college offered two-year programs and primarily served World War II veterans who received benefits provided by the GI Bill. After Vanport was destroyed in the 1948 flood, the college relocated to various locations around Portland before permanently settling in downtown Portland in 1952 and renaming itself Portland State Extension Center. In 1955, the college was renamed Portland State College and began offering four-year degrees, and became Portland State University in 1969. Today, Portland State University enrolls more than 26,000 students.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 commemorates the 75th anniversary of Portland State University and congratulates the university and its alumni on their contributions to the State of Oregon.