

**SCR 12 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Burdick

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**Action Date:** 03/22/21

**Action:** Do adopt.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Gorsek, Robinson, Thomsen

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/15, 3/22

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**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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Origins of Portland State University as Vanport Extension Center
- Diversity of student body
- Current mission of the university
- Opportunities afforded to 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.