

## SCR 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/2

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith (1955-1978) for his service to Oregon.

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

*Senate Vote: Ayes, 30*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Deputy Douglas Eugene Smith was raised in Sherman County, Oregon. He was a graduate of Sherman County High School and the University of Oregon and chose a career in law enforcement with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

On August 27, 1978, Deputy Smith responded to reports of a vehicle being driven erratically and at a high rate of speed. Deputy Smith was driving on U.S. Route 97 when, as his vehicle crested a hill, it was struck head on by another vehicle. Deputy Smith and both occupants of the other vehicle died at the scene.

The fatal accident occurred several miles from Deputy Smith's home in Moro, Oregon. He was 23 years old and had just begun his law enforcement career when his life was tragically taken. Deputy Smith's loss was deeply felt by his family, his fellow officers and his many friends.

Deputy Smith was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of Sherman County and the State of Oregon with honor and distinction.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4 recognizes and honors Deputy Smith for his service to this state.