HCR 25   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Woods

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date:	03/28/23
Action:	Do adopt.
Vote:	5-0-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Hansell, Knopp, Lieber, Manning Jr, Steiner
Fiscal:	No fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commemorates 75th anniversary of Oregon Institute of Technology.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The impact on society of Oregon Tech's graduates
- Oregon Tech's commitment to inclusivity
- Oregon Tech's acceptance of non-traditional students

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

After World War II, veterans returning home needed access to employment opportunities and vocational rehabilitation. The Oregon Vocational School's first classes were held on July 15, 1947, in a deactivated Marine Corps hospital three miles northeast of Klamath Falls, under the direction of the university's first president, Winston Purvine.

On December 21, 1948, the State Board of Education voted to change the university's name to Oregon Technical Institute, and it was also known as Oregon Tech. Oregon Tech's early curriculum included classes in automotive repair, baking and commercial cooking, gun-smithing, clock and watch repair, refrigeration servicing, and many others.

In 1964, Oregon Tech moved to its newly constructed campus on a geothermal site overlooking Upper Klamath Lake, beginning a decades-long commitment to resource preservation and renewable energy. In 1966, Oregon Tech received authorization to grant bachelor's degrees and awarded its first, a Bachelor of Technology in Engineering Technology.

In 1973, Oregon Technical Institute was renamed Oregon Institute of Technology, but the "Oregon Tech" moniker remains in use to this day. From its original campuses in Klamath Falls, Oregon Tech has expanded its education and innovation programs to locations throughout Oregon and beyond, including the Portland-Metro campus in Wilsonville, a Dental Hygiene educational site and clinic in Salem, the Oregon Manufacturing and Innovation Center in Scappoose, the Boeing Company in Seattle, and even further via online programs.

Oregon Tech now offers nearly 50 industry-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs in the areas of engineering, technology, health, business, applied arts and sciences, and related fields. Oregon Tech partners with high schools throughout Oregon to provide opportunities for students to earn college credit while in high school.

Oregon Tech is home to the Oregon Renewable Energy Center, an applied research center created by the Legislative Assembly that promotes energy conservation and renewable energy use in Oregon and throughout the

Pacific Northwest through applied research, educational programs, and practical information, setting a foundation for a sustainable economy, good jobs, and economic prosperity.

Oregon Tech is committed to its mission to foster student and graduate success by providing a hands-on, project-based learning environment with faculty focused on innovation, scholarship, and applied research.

Oregon Tech champions diversity and leadership development by offering statewide educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet the current and emerging needs of Oregonians, as well as national and international constituents. Oregon Tech recognizes emerging workforce needs and partners with business and industry to train the next generation of leaders through unique bachelor's and graduate degrees in allied health and health science fields, preparing students for the complexity of the healthcare delivery landscape. Oregon Tech actively supports and rewards innovation and entrepreneurship through university events and competitions such as IdeaFest, Catalyze Klamath, and Ready, Set, Innovate. Oregon Tech proudly serves veterans, military-affiliated students, and members of the military community throughout Oregon and the United States.

Oregon Tech has consistently ranked number one for return on investment for students enrolled in four-year colleges and universities in Oregon, with graduates making the highest earnings in this state relative to investment by students and families.

Oregon Tech officially celebrates 75 years of service to Oregon through applied research and hands-on learning on July 14, 2023.

House Concurrent Resolution 25 commemorates the 75th anniversary of Oregon Institute of Technology and congratulates Oregon Tech, the more than 20,000 Oregon Tech alumni and all Oregonians on this significant public milestone of service, leadership, and contributions to the State of Oregon.