

SCR 24 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure recognizes and honors Brian Edward Flowers, who lived from 1974 to 2023, for his service to Gresham, and to this state.

Fiscal impact: No impact

Revenue impact: No impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Brian Edward Flowers, a 15-year veteran of the Gresham Fire Department, passed away from occupational leukemia on November 19, 2023, at the age of 48. He is survived by his wife and their three children. Brian Flowers' son, inspired by his father's legacy, became a firefighter with the Gresham Fire Department in September 2023, two months before the loss of his father and mentor.

Brian Flowers was known for his larger-than-life personality, boundless humor and unwavering dedication to his family, friends and the community he served. His impact extended beyond his professional life, as evidenced by heartfelt stories from community members, including one who recalled his generosity and humor when he volunteered to resolve household issues without expectation of compensation. On December 17, 2024, on what would have been Brian Flowers' 50th birthday, his life was celebrated during a standing-room-only gathering of family, friends and members of his "fire family," demonstrating the profound and far-reaching influence he had on those who knew him.

Brian Flowers was not only a dedicated firefighter, but also a beloved brother-in-law, uncle and friend who provided life lessons, care and unending support to his extended family. The loss of Brian Flowers has left a significant void in the lives of his family, and all those in the Gresham community, who continue to celebrate his life and contributions. He exemplified the highest values of public service, selflessness and community spirit, making an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. His contributions to the Gresham community and the people of the State of Oregon will never be forgotten.