

SR 3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure commends Dr. Mark Terry for his unrivaled contributions to ophthalmology and medical research.

Fiscal impact: No impact

Revenue impact: No impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Mark Terry has been the Director of Corneal Services at the Devers Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon, since 1990, and his leadership at Devers, and at the Oregon Lions VisionGift Research Laboratory, has improved patient outcomes and advanced medical research for three and a half decades. He is also a Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at Oregon Health and Science University, has lectured extensively internationally, and has widely published his research in the areas of corneal transplantation, corneal physiology, refractive surgery, dry eye and endophthalmitis.

In 2000, Dr. Terry began the first U.S. clinical series of endothelial keratoplasty (EK). Along with the international Endothelial Keratoplasty Group, which he founded in 2002, he has continued to pioneer the further development of EK, with over 100 publications. Dr. Terry's groundbreaking surgical techniques and tools have transformed corneal transplantation, giving hope to patients who had resigned themselves to lifelong sightlessness. For example, his work transformed the life of an infant patient named Paxton Call, who was previously believed to be destined to a life of isolation.

Dr. Terry's dedication to training ophthalmic surgeons worldwide has drastically improved eye care in communities around the globe, and has ensured the methods he has developed will continue to enhance quality of life for vision-challenged patients for generations to come.

Driven by his pediatrician father before him, who showed him the meaning of compassionate care, as well as by his dedication to his special needs son, Nicholas, Dr. Terry has built empathy into the core of every single one of his patient relationships, setting an example for all medical professionals working with patients with disabilities.