

SCR 15 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure honors Hector Hinojosa Robles for all he has done and for his remarkable contributions to the people of this state.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 28; Excused, 2

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On October 22, 2024, the Consulado de México en Portland (Consulate of Mexico in Portland) presented the Ohtli Award to Hector Hinojosa Robles for his extraordinary career of leadership and service to the Latino community in Oregon. "Ohtli" is a Nahuatl word meaning "path" or "way," and the Ohtli Award is the highest recognition granted by Mexico's Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Secretary of Foreign Affairs), via the Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (Institute for Mexicans Abroad), to organizations or individuals who have devoted their lives to helping younger generations of Mexicans find a life path less beset by challenges outside of their control.

Hector is a founding member of both the Washington County Cultural Center and the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, which are two key Oregon institutions created to provide greater access to services and improved quality of life for the Latino community in Oregon, especially migrant farmers living and working in this state. He is an active member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), which is an organization committed to the protection and advancement of the civil rights of the Latino community in the United States. Through his work at LULAC, he has passionately advocated for legislation that protects Latinos from discrimination and marginalization, promoting social justice and equity. Hector is also active on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of "Building Bridges of Understanding," which is an initiative that promotes cooperation and understanding between communities and authorities to increase community safety in the Portland metropolitan area.

The Ohtli Award was presented to Hector by Consul General Carlos Quesnel, who recognized Hector's spirit of service and solidarity to the Latino community in Oregon, his unwavering dedication to civil rights, his unyielding commitment to building a stronger, more united and more just Latino community in Oregon, and his tireless efforts to improve the lives of thousands of families. Upon receiving the Ohtli Award, Hector called the award a tribute to all those who dedicated their lives to community service and pledged to continue to work toward building a fairer future for historically marginalized agricultural workers and all members of the greater Latino community.