

SCR 5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/12/25

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure commends the 2023 and 2024 back-to-back state champion Thurston High School baseball teams for their outstanding seasons.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Thurston High School's defeat of West Albany to win the 2023 title
- The 2023 team losing five members due to graduation and continuing to win the 2024 title
- The hope for another championship in 2025

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On June 1, 2024, the Thurston High School Colts baseball team from Springfield won the Oregon School Activities Association Class 5A State Championship. This 2024 title was a repeat state championship, as Thurston High School also defeated West Albany to win the 2023 title.

After the members of the 2023 Colts team graduated, the 2024 team was challenged in their quest for back-to-back titles. They were nearly perfect all season, finishing with a record of 28-3.

Maddox Molony was honored as the 2023 Class 5A Co-Player of the Year. Connor Molony was honored as the Pitcher of the Year. Dennis Minium was honored as Coach of the Year. Earning 2023 Class 5A All-State Honors were Eli Crist, Easton McDonald, Adam Elliott, Grady Saunders, and Collin Hernandez.

Eli Crist was also honored as the 2024 Class 5A Player of the Year, and Grady Saunders was honored as the Pitcher of the Year. Also earning 2024 Class 5A All-State Honors were Brock Johnson, Adam Elliott, Kyle Miller, Connor Molony, and Collin Hernandez.

Colts baseball players and coaches exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship on and off the playing field throughout the 2023 and 2024 seasons, and the back-to-back state championships were the second and third state titles for Thurston in program history, following their title in 2009.