

## HB 3532 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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**Action Date:** 04/08/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Rules. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 6-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Boice, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Tran, Watanabe

**Nays:** 1 - Skarlatos

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/20, 4/8

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Historical Society to make a list of offensive geographic names and recommended non-offensive names to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, no later than three years following the measure's effective date.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background information about the purpose of the measure and personal stories about the impact of offensive place names
- Questions about private land and how place name changes would impact property owners, including cost

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the original measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 1911, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (USBGN) recognized the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) as the official advisor and state geographic names authority of Oregon. In 1959, Governor Hatfield transferred the administration of the OGNB from state government to the Oregon Historical Society. The purpose of the OGNB is to supervise the naming of geographic features within the state of Oregon and to make recommendations to the USBGN, which has final approval authority. The Board also serves in an advisory capacity to federal, State, and local government by reviewing administrative name proposals.