

HCR 8 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thatcher

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/21/25
Action: Do adopt.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher
Exc: 1 - Bonham
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure recognizes and honors Vicki and Jerry Berger for their leadership and service to the people of the State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vicki Berger's life, career, legacy, and influence
- Vicki and Jerry Berger's dedication to the Salem community

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

During their long and distinguished careers in public service, Vicki Berger and Dr. Gerald “Jerry” Berger have been exceptional leaders.

From 1988 to 1992, Vicki Berger served on the board of Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Oregon’s second-largest school district, and from 2003 to 2015, she served as a state Representative for District 20, which includes portions of Marion and Polk Counties. She was widely respected by her legislative colleagues for her integrity, wisdom, and ability to get along with everyone. She was a voice of civility and moderation in the Legislative Assembly, and was renowned for her ability to work with members of both parties to improve the lives of Oregonians.

Vicki Berger served on the board of the Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties and was its first female president. She was a member of the boards of the Salem Health Foundation, the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, and the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

Jerry Berger is a widely respected educational leader who served on the State Board of Education. He spent most of his career at Chemeketa Community College and served in a variety of leadership roles, culminating in his tenure as president from 1993 to 2002. He also served as interim president of Portland Community College.

Jerry Berger was president of the Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties, and he has served on many other local boards and committees.

Vicki and Jerry Berger shared the 2000 First Citizen Award from the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Vicki and Jerry Berger have been married since 1969, and they have three children. In a lifetime of dedicated service, Vicki and Jerry Berger have touched the lives of countless Oregonians and made their community a better place.