

SCR 206 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure honors and celebrates the life and achievements of state Senator Aaron Woods, who lived from 1949 to 2025.

Fiscal impact: No impact

Revenue impact: No impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

State Senator Aaron Lionel Woods was born in Chicago, Illinois, on August 19, 1949. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and served for six years. He then built a career in technology, and eventually settled in Oregon. Through his volunteer service, he worked to expand career and technical education programs to meet industry demands and support community growth. He was recognized through numerous awards, acknowledging his significant impact on the technology industry.

After retiring, his dedication to his community grew stronger, and he served in several important roles, and his commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was evident. He was elected to the Oregon Senate, and was renowned for his sense of humor and optimism, but he was also respected for his political instincts, pragmatic leadership, and creative problem solving. His legacy extends into the many policy areas he helped shape with his vision and advocacy.

Aaron Woods passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 19, 2025. He lived his life with passion and purpose, and he left it with great dignity. He was a dedicated public servant and a visionary leader whose life's mission was to bring technology and opportunity within reach for everyone. He was survived by his five children, seven grandchildren, his sister, brother, and uncle.