SCR 206   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Wagner

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date:	02/18/26
Action:	Do adopt.
Vote:	5-0-0-0
Yeas:	5 - Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Starr, Thatcher
Fiscal:	No fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Senator Woods's love of food and his ability to turn a meal into a gathering place
- Senator Woods's ability to tell great stories and to build strong relationships
- Senator Woods's embrace of public service and Oregon being a better place due to his leadership

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senator Woods was born in Chicago, Illinois, on August 19, 1949. He enlisted in the U.S. 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 with numerous awards that acknowledged his significant impact on the technology industry.

After retiring, his dedication to his community grew stronger, and he served in several important roles, demonstrating a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. He was elected to the Oregon Senate, where he 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 across many policy areas he helped shape through his vision and advocacy.

Senator 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, sister, brother, and uncle.