## **Senate Concurrent Resolution 17**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Honors Daniel O. Bernstine, president of Portland State University, for his leadership of Portland State University and his service to Oregon from 1997 to 2007.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Daniel O. Bernstine is the second longest-serving president of Portland State University, Oregon's largest and only urban university; and

Whereas during his tenure, President Bernstine made expanding educational opportunities a priority, increasing enrollment at Portland State University from 14,000 to more than 24,000 students today; and

Whereas President Bernstine has worked with faculty and staff to bring national recognition to Portland State University, resulting in high rankings by The Princeton Review, the New England Board of Higher Education and U.S. News & World Report; and

Whereas research funding at Portland State University has grown substantially during the last 10 years from \$17 million to over \$40 million a year; and

Whereas President Bernstine led Portland State University's first capital campaign, bringing in more than \$114 million to support student scholarships, faculty research, academic programs and new building construction; and

Whereas President Bernstine led further development of the University District, including the new Urban Center Plaza, the Native American Student and Community Center, the Northwest Center for Engineering, Science and Technology, Epler Hall and the Broadway student housing facilities, the acquisition of University Place, the Streetcar and, soon to arrive, the MAX light rail line; and

Whereas President Bernstine forged collaborations and program partnerships with Mt. Hood Community College, Portland Community College, Clackamas Community College, Chemeketa Community College and Clark College, making it easier for students to transfer to Portland State University; and

Whereas President Bernstine has worked to make Portland State University the most ethnically and culturally diverse university in Oregon; and

Whereas President Bernstine has made internationalization of Portland State University a cornerstone of his administration, including supporting international scholars at the university, forging partnerships with international universities and expanding study abroad options for students; and

Whereas President Bernstine has led Portland State University in affirming its commitment to sustainable operations and integrating the principles of sustainability throughout the curriculum;

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Whereas President Bernstine has been actively involved in the community, serving as a board
member of the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, the Portland Business Alliance, the Legacy
Health System and the Urban League of Portland, as well as serving as the chair of the Urban
League of Portland; and

Whereas on July 1, 2007, Daniel O. Bernstine will leave the presidency of Portland State University to become the president and chief executive officer of the Law School Admission Council; now, therefore,

## Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly, commend the exemplary leadership and service of Daniel O. Bernstine and extend best wishes to him as he leaves Portland State University to embark on this new opportunity.