

Senate Bill 625

Sponsored by Senator GEORGE, Representatives WINGARD, THATCHER; Senators ATKINSON, BATES, BONAMICI, BOQUIST, BURDICK, CARTER, COURTNEY, DEVLIN, DINGFELDER, FERRIOLI, GIROD, HASS, JOHNSON, KRUSE, METSGER, MONNES ANDERSON, MONROE, MORRISSETTE, MORSE, NELSON, PROZANSKI, ROSENBAUM, SCHRADER, STARR, TELFER, VERGER, WALKER, WHITSETT, WINTERS, Representatives BAILEY, BARKER, BARNHART, BARTON, BENTZ, BERGER, BEYER, BOONE, BRUUN, BUCKLEY, CAMERON, CANNON, CLEM, COWAN, DEMBROW, D EDWARDS, ESQUIVEL, FREEMAN, GALIZIO, GARRARD, GARRETT, GELSER, GILLIAM, GILMAN, GREENLICK, HANNA, HARKER, HOLVEY, HUFFMAN, HUNT, JENSON, KAHL, KENNEMER, KOMP, KOTEK, KRIEGER, MATTHEWS, MAURER, NATHANSON, NOLAN, OLSON, READ, RICHARDSON, RILEY, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLE, SHIELDS, G SMITH, J SMITH, SPRENGER, STIEGLER, THOMPSON, TOMEI, VANORMAN, WEIDNER, WHISNANT, WITT (at the request of Friends of Historic Champoeg)

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**.

Establishes February 9 of each year as Ewing Young Day.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Ewing Young.

3 Whereas Ewing Young arrived in Oregon in 1834 after more than a decade of trapping and
4 trading through the American frontier west; and

5 Whereas Ewing Young settled on the west bank of the Willamette River near the mouth of
6 Chehalem Creek opposite Champoeg, in what is now Yamhill County; and

7 Whereas Ewing Young independently created one of Oregon's earliest centers of farming and
8 trading, including a distillery and sawmill, that provided early Oregon settlers with economic inde-
9 pendence from the Hudson's Bay Company, the dominant frontier trading company of those times;
10 and

11 Whereas in 1837 Ewing Young was persuaded by John McLoughlin and Jason Lee to leave the
12 distilling business in order to drive much needed cattle from California to the farms of the
13 Willamette Valley; and

14 Whereas Ewing Young successfully brought 630 head of cattle along the Siskiyou Trail to the
15 settlers of the Willamette Valley; and

16 Whereas Ewing Young died on February 9, 1841, as the wealthiest resident of Oregon; and

17 Whereas Ewing Young died without a will or a plan for the distribution of his assets; and

18 Whereas the lack of a clear way to distribute Ewing Young's wealth gave cause to the formation
19 of the first self-governing, American-style government on the Pacific coast to settle his estate; and

20 Whereas the Oregon provisional government, formed in Champoeg on May 2, 1843, set the
21 Oregon territory on the path to statehood on February 14, 1859; now, therefore,

22 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

23 **SECTION 1. February 9 of each year shall be known as Ewing Young Day, to commem-**
24 **orate Ewing Young's contribution to the formation of Oregon's provisional government and**
25 **aid to the settlers of the Willamette Valley.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.