## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HCR 18 CARRIER: Rep. Gilliam

House Committee on Human Services Rep. Greenlick

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Be Adopted **Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Frederick, Greenlick, Harker, Parrish, Thompson, Gilliam, Tomei

**Nays:** 0

Exc.: Weidner

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Meeting Dates: 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares June 18, 2011, as Humanity United for Good (HUGS) Day in Oregon.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

• Origination of HUGS program

- HUGS program will be implemented nationwide in November by Spectrum Retirement Communities
- Members of HUGS committee
- Community involvement with HUGS program
- Program based on premise; if someone is down, lift them up by showing them you care

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The HUGS idea originated at the Pheasant Pointe Retirement and Assisted Living Residence in Molalla, Oregon, where a HUGS committee began meeting weekly to decide who within the facility needed a hug that week. The HUGS idea is to encourage people to work with groups of people or individually to perform good deeds for others in their communities who are in need of help or a hug.