

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Holvey, Hunt, Olson

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Exc.: Freeman, Garrett, Wingard

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Meeting Dates: 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Richard Sommer (1929-2009), pioneer of Oregon's wine industry.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of pinot noir in Oregon
- Richard Sommer's role in pioneering the distinctively-Oregon variety of grapes and wine

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Corrects paternity reference.

BACKGROUND: Richard Sommer's family first planted wine grapes in the Umpqua Valley in 1888. With the help of Adolph Doerner, Sommer founded HillCrest Winery in 1961. After selecting the estate site, Richard planted over 35 varieties of wine grapes in and around Roseburg. Many of the varieties had never before been planted or produced in Oregon. Among the varieties currently producing, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Chardonnay are the oldest of their type in the state.