

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	4 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Lori Brocker, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/9, 2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Congratulates USS Ranger Foundation and supporters on preliminary approval for USS Ranger to be moored at Chinook Landing Marine Park on Columbia River.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential use of decommissioned USS Ranger
- Ideas for educational programs connected to USS Ranger
- Costs of moving, mooring and operating USS Ranger
- Impact on Columbia River
- Community support for bringing USS Ranger to Chinook Landing
- Role of USS Ranger in rescue of Vietnamese refugees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The USS Ranger is a decommissioned aircraft carrier currently docked in Bremerton, Washington. It was first commissioned on August 10, 1957 and earned thirteen battle stars for its service during the Vietnam War. The carrier was instrumental in the rescue of hundreds of Vietnamese refugees from boats in the South China Sea and was still operational during Operation Desert Storm. It has been featured in several movies, including “Top Gun” and “Star Trek IV.”

The USS Ranger Foundation was established to pursue mooring the USS Ranger in Oregon and to seek development of the carrier as a Community Heritage Center. The Community Heritage Center may include a floating museum and military memorial, meeting space, an educational center and emergency preparedness center. In May 2010, the Fairview City Council endorsed locating the USS Ranger at Chinook Landing Marine Park on the Columbia River. Metro Regional Government, which operates Chinook Landing, has given preliminary approval for the carrier to be moored at the Landing.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 congratulates the foundation for its work in bringing the aircraft carrier to Oregon.