

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

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Yeas: Atkinson, Beyer, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

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Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares last week of April of each year as Oregon Dance Week.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of arts in community and dance as a form of art
- Rising public and community awareness of dance
- “Any Given Child” initiative in Portland metropolitan area to create long-range art education plan
- Types of dance events that could be organized to celebrate Oregon Dance Week
- Physical benefits of dance

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes declaration of Oregon Dance Week from June 19 to June 25, 2011 to the last week of April of each year.

BACKGROUND: Formed in 1981, the Coalition for National Dance Week is a group of dance-related organizations that seek to bring greater recognition to the art form of dance and raise public awareness of the benefits of dance. Since 1991, the United Dance Merchants of America (UDMA) has sponsored National Dance Week, coordinating thousands of dance-related activities in cities across the nation to commemorate the annual celebration.

In 2010, cities in more than 25 states sponsored events to celebrate National Dance Week including Astoria, Oregon. The events included tap dance festivals, ballroom dance lessons, drill and dance team shows, and dance-a-thons.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5-A would declare the last week of April of each year, Oregon Dance Week.