77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2352

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett

CARRIER: Rep. Kennemer

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates August 9 of each year as Boring and Dull Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Boring and Dull Day
- Similarities between Boring, Oregon and Dull, Scotland
- Amount of media attention for Boring and Dull
- Impact on community and boon to local businesses
- Tourism opportunities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On August 9, 2012, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the communities of Boring, Oregon and Dull, Scotland a "Pair for the Ages." House Bill 2352 designates August 9 of each year as Boring and Dull Day.

The unofficial sister cities were brought together after a Scottish vacationer took a bike ride through Boring and sent word of the funnily-named town to her friends back in Dull, who then worked with the Boring Community Planning Organization to arrange a new "sister-city" program with a town halfway across the world: Dull, Scotland.

As neither community is a city, they do not qualify for the official Sister City program, therefore Boring and Dull are partners in an unofficial sister city relationship. While the relationship was born out of fun, the recognition has brought international media attention and increased tourism to both communities.