77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rules

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

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/27

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

MEASURE: HB 2352

CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

Sen. Thomsen

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Economic impact of relationship between Boring and Dull
- Description of Dull, Scotland and the area surrounding it
- Agriculture and tourism in the area
- Stone Age evidence found in area near Dull
- Signage describing the pairing of Boring and Dull
- Merchandise publicizing the relationship
- Boring and Dull Scottish Ale
- "A Scottish Journey" excursion between Boring and Dull
- Worldwide attention because of Boring and Dull relationship

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 two communities were brought together after a Scottish vacationer took a bike ride through Boring, Oregon and contacted friends living in Dull, Scotland. The residents of Dull then worked with the Boring Community Planning Organization to arrange for a connection between the two places. Neither Boring nor Dull are incorporated cities, so they do not qualify for the official Sister City program. They have, however, become partners in an unofficial capacity, bringing both Boring and Dull international media attention and increased tourism. HB 2352 seeks to further the relationship by establishing Boring and Dull Day in Oregon.