## 77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HCR 22

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**House Committee on Rules** 

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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**Yeas:** Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett

**CARRIER: Rep. Barnhart** 

Nays: 0 Exc.: Hoyle

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors H. Royce Saltzman for work on Oregon Bach Festival.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Oregon Bach Festival
- Growth of Oregon Bach Festival
- International recognition of the Oregon Bach Festival
- Mr. Saltzman's international work as choral director
- Economic impact of Oregon Bach Festival to Lane County and Eugene
- Dedication to education as professor at University of Oregon

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1970, Mr. Saltzman co-founded, with Helmuth Rilling, the Oregon Bach Festival in the summer of 1970 on the University of Oregon campus. Under the leadership of Mr. Saltzman, the Oregon Bach Festival grew into one of the preeminent classical music festivals in the United States, drawing an annual audience of up to 35,000 from almost every state and from overseas. Since stepping away from his administrative leadership of the Oregon Bach Festival, Mr. Saltzman now serves as ambassador and advocate for the festival in his role as director emeritus and oversees the funding of its \$10 million endowment.

In addition to his work with the Oregon Bach Festival, Mr. Saltzman served as associate dean of the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance for 12 years, national president of the American Choral Directors Association, on five panels of the National Endowment for the Arts, honorary advisor to the China International Choral Festival in Beijing, China, member of the advisory board of the Bach Academy of Venezuelain Caracas, and member of the board of directors of the Internationale Bachakademie Stuttgart.

Currently, he is a member of the Honorary Committee of Zimriya, the World Assembly of Choirs in Israel. He has received the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, an award given for achievements in the political, economic, social or intellectual sphere.

House Concurrent Resolution 22 honors H. Royce Saltzman for his work on the Oregon Bach Festival and for his invaluable contributions to the cultural enrichment of the people of this state and the world.