

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
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Meeting Dates: 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Supports work of United Service Organizations (USO) and establishing welcome center for service members in Portland International Airport.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Longevity of USO tradition
- Mutual gratitude and nostalgic relationship between USO and servicemembers
- Key location for welcome center given servicemember traffic through Pacific Northwest

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the United Service Organizations (USO) is to raise the spirits of servicemembers and their families. They have been in operation for 70 years, creating social environments, providing entertainment, and improving morale. In this way, the USO reconnects servicemembers with home, wherever they may be stationed, and reminds them that their country is thinking of them.

The USO has established a number of airport lounges and welcome centers just for traveling servicemembers. Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 supports the establishment of a USO welcome center at Portland International Airport, and thanks the USO for its longstanding dedication to servicemembers everywhere.