77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Sen. Winters Senate Committee on Rules Sen. Courtney

MEASURE: SCR 17

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

Action: Be Adopted Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

> Burdick, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum Yeas:

Navs: Exc.: Beyer

Lori Brocker, Administrator Prepared By:

Meeting Dates: 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: In memoriam: Michael McLaran, 1960-2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Contributions of Mr. McLaran to community of Salem and state
- Leadership in business community
- Commitment to children and education
- Belief that education policy and action profoundly impact business and industry
- Love of sports
- Compassion for others expressed in life and work
- Memorial service celebrating Mr. McLaran's life

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Michael McLaran was born on March 4, 1960 in Bryan, Texas and was raised in Oceanside, California. As a child, Mr. McLaran began what developed into a lifelong love of sports, baseball being a particular passion. His talents as a baseball player resulted in many accolades, including a full-ride baseball scholarship to the University of Oregon. Mr. McLaran graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Business in 1982.

Mr. McLaran pursued a passion for organizational leadership as part of the United Way of Linn County in Albany, Oregon. His natural strengths as a leader led him to the position of Executive Director of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. He served as the Albany Chamber's Executive Director for five years before accepting a new challenge as Executive Director of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

After 16 years of accomplishments, including numerous awards for his achievements while at the Salem Chamber, Mr. McLaran turned his attention to his own consulting business in 2011. The future of Oregon's economy was a deep passion for Mr. McLaran. He believed that the core issue for the state economy was the need for a concentrated focus on Oregon's education system.

While continuing to build his consulting business, with a focus on statewide education reform, Mr. McLaran never lost his commitment to what he believed was most important. Many remember him as living life to the fullest, with a wonderful sense of humor and a joyful attitude. He and his wife Diane especially loved spending time with their children and grandchildren. Mr. McLaran never lost his love for sports, taking great pleasure in the competition. He was an avid runner and was jogging in Salem when he died on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at the age of 53.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 honors and memorializes Michael McLaran, whose life was celebrated at a service attended by more than 1,000 people. Mr. McLaran is survived by his loving family and countless friends.