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Prepared By:	Lori Brocker, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors 2012 Oregon Women of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service to people of Oregon. Honors achievements of Robin Morris Collin, Jane O’Keeffe, Gina Warren, and Serena Stoudamire Wesley.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Many contributions of award winners to state
- Oregon Commission for Women
- Work of Commission
- Contributions of prior award winners

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Concurrent Resolution 27 honors the achievements of four outstanding women for their leadership, achievements, and service to Oregonians. At the 28th annual Oregon Commission for Women’s (OCFW) Women of Achievement Awards in October 2012, OCFW honored Robin Morris Collin, Jane O’Keeffe, Gina Warren, and Serene Stoudamire Wesley for their work improving the lives of women in Oregon.

Robin Morris Collin is the Norma J. Paulus Professor of Law and Director of the Certificate Program in Sustainability Law at Willamette University College of Law, where she has taught Cultural Property Law, Sustainability Law and Policy, and Criminal Law and Procedure. In 1993, she became the first law professor to teach sustainability at an American law school. Her strong advocacy for social and environmental justice resulted in two Oregon Governors selecting her for appointment to the Sustainability Board and Oregon Commission for Black Affairs. In addition, Ms. Collin is the former chairperson of the Environmental Justice Task Force, which received a national achievement award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency under her leadership.

Jane O’Keeffe is a native of northeast Oregon, where she has been an operating partner in the O’Keeffe Family Ranch, a fourth-generation cattle operation in Adel, for more than 25 years and has served as partner in the Campbell Crossing Ranch in Kimberly since 2007. She has served as a member and co-chair of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and has been active in other local natural resource boards involving forest lands and sustainability. Her public service also includes work as consultant to the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition, seven years as a Lake County commissioner, where she served as a president of the Association of Oregon Counties, and as a member of the Environmental Quality Commission. In addition, she is active in the Lakeview Stewardship Group, chairperson of the board of Sustainable Northwest, and a board member of Lake County Resources. Ms. O’Keeffe is recognized for her tireless work to build consensus among ecological, social and economic stakeholders to meet the needs of people in rural Oregon.

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A former elementary school teacher in Arizona, Gina Warren joined Nike, Inc. in 1999 as the Director of Global Community Affairs and is currently the Vice-President of Global Diversity, focusing on integrating diversity into Nike's global business strategies and practices. Ms. Warren has worked on building more inclusive work environments at Nike that foster diverse ideas, nurturing people with varied talent and backgrounds, and creating strong relationships with diverse communities. Under her leadership, Nike conducted its inaugural global Cultural Assessments, which have helped Nike examine its workplace culture, and informed the company on how to better optimize the talents of all employees. She organized Nike's first two women's leadership conferences and helped establish the Global Women's Leadership Council.

Serena Stoudamire Wesley, an advocate with Self Enhancement, Inc., is a leader in the complex and exciting effort to develop coordinated health care organizations in Oregon and throughout the nation, forming relationships with local communities and addressing racial and ethnic equity issues within the health care system. She has been an active member of the Coalition of Communities of Color since 2009 and, in that capacity, has worked to advance racial equity through research, education and policy advocacy. Ms. Stoudamire Wesley is a respected advocate for her work at the Tri-County Coordinated Care Organization Health Care Delivery table, SEI, and Communities of Color where her initiative, leadership and hard work as a team player is helping to improve the quality of life for her community.