

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

**MEASURE: SB 5**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Courtney**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/11/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/11

**Senate**

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Girod, Thomsen, Riley

**Exc:** 1 - Monroe

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates portion of State Highway 126 between Florence and Eugene as William Tebeau Memorial Highway. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to erect and maintain markers along highway described above.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Career accomplishments with Oregon Department of Transportation and Chemeketa Community College
- Oregon State College experiences
- Fern Ridge Reservoir
- Additional legacy awards

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The portion of State Highway 126, known as the Florence-Eugene Highway, which Senate Bill 5 proposes to be dedicated to William Tebeau begins where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 101 in Florence and ends where Oregon Route 569, the Beltline Highway, in Eugene.

William "Bill" Tebeau was the first male African-American to attend Oregon State College and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering. Tebeau had a diverse career with the Oregon Department of Transportation survey, planning, designing highways and bridges, training many future civil engineers and managing the Department's first hydraulic design unit. Tebeau conducted preliminary studies of 21 bridges on the Florence-Eugene Highway in less than a year in preparation for the construction of the Fern Ridge Reservoir.