

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Rules

MEASURE: HCR 6
CARRIER: Sen. Whitsett

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/17/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 03/17

Vote:
Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum
Exc: 1 - Beyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors William “Bill Kitt” Kittredge for his role as influential in early years of Oregon’s statehood.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of William Kittredge
- Professional accomplishments in cattle industry
- Founding of Klamath Production Credit Association to support farmers and ranchers

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Known as a leader, a conservationist and, at one point, the largest independent cattlemen in Oregon; “Bill Kitt” Kittredge made many contributions to the state of Oregon.

He was born in Fort Simcoe, Washington Territory, in 1876; and at the age of 16 was a young cowboy in eastern Oregon, working for large cattle companies and participating in long cattle drives that took him over the Rocky Mountains to Nebraska. By 1900, Kitt acquired a small herd of cattle, that grew to 19,000 head, and by the time of his death in 1958, he controlled over one million acres of land.

Though he never had a formal education, he had many accomplishments including: serving as Director of the National Cattlemen’s Association; President of the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association; Vice-President of the Pacific States Livestock Marketing Association; and Director of the Tri-State Livestock Credit Corporation. However, Kitt’s proudest accomplishment was founding and serving as President of the Klamath Production Credit Association, an agricultural bank formed to provide loans to farmers and ranchers who were losing their properties due to lack of credit during the Great Depression.

House Concurrent Resolution 6 honors William “Bill Kitt” Kittredge for his role as influential leader in early years of Oregon’s statehood.