

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/06/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 04/06

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Smith Warner, Wilson

Nays: 1 - Rayfield

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates March 10 of each year as “Mighty Oregon” Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Significance of fight song for students, faculty and alumni
- History of song
- Importance of fight song to institution

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies language regarding popularity of verses and origins of harmonies of song.

BACKGROUND:

“Mighty Oregon” is the rousing fight song of the University of Oregon (Oregon) played at football and basketball games and other school functions, and rings out over campus from the Erb Memorial Union on weekdays at noon and 6 p.m.

“Mighty Oregon” was composed in 1915 by Albert John Perfect, director of the Eugene Municipal Band and first salaried band director at Oregon, along with journalism student DeWitt Gilbert. “Mighty Oregon” was first introduced to the student body during a performance on March 10, 1916 and continues to inspire supporters of Oregon sports teams.

House Bill 3348-A designates March 10 of each year as “Mighty Oregon” Day to celebrate Oregon’s school spirit and the renowned anthem that serves as the university’s fight song.