

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: HCR 11
CARRIER: Sen. Boquist
Sen. Rosenbaum

Senate Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/14/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 04/14

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Boquist, Rosenbaum

Exc: 2 - Burdick, Ferrioli

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors Ramona Line for decades of service as Chief Clerk of Oregon House of Representatives.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Line's service to state and Legislature
- Her mentorship and guidance of legislators
- Ability to serve in bipartisan manner

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Affectionately referred to as the "Master of Mason's," Ramona Line's 30-year career as Chief Clerk of the Oregon House of Representatives and more than 50 years of service to the Legislature is without parallel.

Her career in the Oregon House of Representatives began at age 10 working for her father, Speaker of the House Richard Eymann. Elected as the Chief Clerk of the House in 1985, she served as the Chief Clerk for 12 Speakers and provided training and guidance to Legislative leadership, hundreds of legislators, and anyone seeking an education about the legislative process.

Recognized as a national authority on parliamentary procedure, Line served on multiple national committees and boards including as President, Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries and as a member of the Mason's Manual Commission from 1992 until 2014. On the Mason's Manual Commission, she worked to maintain and develop revisions for *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, the primary source of parliamentary procedure in the Oregon Legislative Assembly and most other state legislatures. In addition, she traveled internationally on behalf of representative democracies, working in legislatures in Central America and Palestine, training fellow Clerks how to serve their parliaments better and make them stronger.

House Concurrent Resolution 11 honors Ramona Line for decades of service as Chief Clerk of Oregon House of Representatives, the Legislative Assembly and the people of the State of Oregon.