

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Rosenbaum

Exc: 1 - Ferrioli

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commends Oregon State University (OSU) Beavers wrestling team on their exemplary intercollegiate athletic achievements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of OSU wrestling program
- Achievements of OSU wrestling program and its athletes
- Success during 2014 wrestling season
- Leadership of coach Jim Zalesky

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For nearly a century, the Oregon State University (OSU) wrestling team has been an excellent example of good character, sportsmanship and success; earning numerous honors and producing multiple national champions.

Winning its first dual meet in 1909, the OSU Beavers wrestling team has gone on to become a national powerhouse for more than 95 seasons, with the team concluding its 2014 season with a 43-6 victory over the Southern Oregon University Raiders wrestling team. Its victory on November 13, 2014 made the OSU Beavers wrestling team only the third team in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) history – and the only program in the western United States – to achieve 1,000 dual meet victories.

During its history, the OSU Beavers wrestling team has won 50 conference championships, produced 89 All-Americans, 12 individual national champions, 18 OSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, six Oregon Sports Hall of Fame inductees, eight Olympians—including Robin Reed and Chester “Chet” Newton, who claimed the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the 1924 Olympic Games—and is associated with five members of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. OSU wrestling teams have been led by a series of exemplary coaches including legendary coach Dale O. Thomas, who holds the NCAA record for most dual meet wins in a coaching career with 616.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 commends the exemplary intercollegiate athletic achievements, including the 1,000 dual meet wins, of the OSU Beavers wrestling team, currently coached by Jim Zalesky.