

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: 3 - Beyer, Boquist, Rosenbaum

Exc: 2 - Burdick, Ferrioli

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

In memoriam: Dr. Lavern Weber, 1933-2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of Dr. Weber
- Service as first director of Hatfield Marine Science Center
- Role in Newport community's economic development
- Commitment to, and mentoring of, his students

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Lavern Weber, the first resident director of the Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center (the Center) in Newport, Oregon, passed away on May 5, 2014.

Dr. Weber joined the Oregon State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in 1969, eventually rising to Assistant Dean of the graduate school. In 1977, he became the new director at the Center, where he advocated for resident faculty and institutional growth. The Center experienced unprecedented improvement under his leadership. Student housing expanded, many new buildings were completed and a new seawater system was installed.

Along with leaving a legacy of exceptional personal scholarship, Dr. Weber emphasized the development of public awareness of marine issues and the application of science in support of Oregon's coastal economic and community development. He was a supportive mentor to his graduate students and staff, and a good friend to all who knew him.

House Concurrent Resolution 12 memorializes the life of Dr. Lavern Weber.