

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/17/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 04/17

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Clem

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors Ron Post for establishing Medical Teams International and improving lives of Oregonians and millions of others worldwide.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on Northwest Medical Teams (aka Medical Teams International)
- Ron Post's commitment to helping others and "had to do something"
- New endeavor, Mission Increase

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Medical Teams International (MTI) provides medical and dental care, humanitarian aid and holistic development programs to all people in need, regardless of religion, nationality, sex or race. MTI responds to disasters around the world and at home by sending teams of volunteer medical professionals and medical supplies to care for the sick and injured. MTI also mobilizes long-term health promotion initiatives, collaborating with established partners within each community to ensure that the programs have a sustainable impact.

MTI began as a "call in the heart" of Ron Post, an Oregon businessman with no medical background. In 1979, Ron saw television reports of the mass suffering in Cambodia and organized a team of over two dozen medical volunteers to bring desperately needed supplies and medical care to the refugees. Less than a month later, he and the medical volunteers set out to make a difference in Cambodia.