

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

MEASURE: SB 5
CARRIER: Rep. Komp

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/15/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/27, 05/15

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 3 - Bentz, Davis, Hack

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates portion of State Highway 126 between Florence and Eugene to be renamed as William Tebeau Memorial Highway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and career of Mr. Tebeau
- Recognitions given to Mr. Tebeau by Oregon State University

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The portion of State Highway 126, known as the Florence-Eugene Highway, which Senate Bill 5 proposes to be dedicated to William Tebeau begins where the highway intersects with U.S. Highway 101 in Florence and ends where Oregon Route 569, the Beltline Highway, in Eugene.

William "Bill" Tebeau was the first male African-American to attend Oregon State College and graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering. Tebeau had a diverse career with the Oregon Department of Transportation survey, planning, designing highways and bridges, training many future civil engineers and managing the Department's first hydraulic design unit. Tebeau conducted preliminary studies of 21 bridges on the Florence-Eugene Highway in less than a year in preparation for the construction of the Fern Ridge Reservoir.