

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/28/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 05/28

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Exc: 2 - Beyer, Boquist

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

In memoriam: Hector Macpherson, Jr., 1918-2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life of Hector Macpherson
- Leadership in areas of land use and environmental stewardship
- Role in passage of Oregon's notable land use law, Senate Bill 100

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senator Hector Macpherson, Jr. passed away on March 21, 2015, after a long life of serving the people of Oregon.

Hector was born in Corvallis, Oregon, on September 19, 1918, and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1936. He received a degree in agricultural technology from Oregon Agricultural College, now Oregon State University, in 1940 and served in the Reserve Officer's Training Corps. After serving in the Panama Canal and North Africa, he returned to his family farm in Linn County with his wife, Katherine, to raise five children.

In 1970, he was elected to the Oregon State Senate, serving on committees related to agriculture and the environment. During the 1971 legislative session, he helped craft legislation to limit grass seed field burning, manage smoke from the fires and establish acreage fees for field burning to fund research into alternatives, and as a result, the grass seed industry was able to transition away from field burning. He also introduced Senate Bill 100 establishing a statewide system of land use planning for Oregon.

His visionary work on Oregon's land use planning system has distinguished this state as a leader in smart growth and has resulted in more livable neighborhoods with easy access to parks, schools, libraries, stores and other amenities.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 memorializes the life and service of Hector Macpherson.