

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 06/03

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes contributions and sacrifices of Peace Corps volunteers from Oregon and throughout United States.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Peace Corps
- Number of Peace Corps participants from Oregon
- Type of work volunteers engage in around world
- Impact on participants lives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since the 1980s, nearly 6,000 Oregonians have served as Peace Corps volunteers with approximately 200 Oregonians currently serving. However, the contributions and sacrifices of Peace Corps volunteers are not widely recognized or known.

More than 3,000 Oregonians are connected with the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA), which has supported and funded projects both locally and internationally to promote development and humanitarian efforts. Returning volunteers have served to bridge cultures and boost business between citizens of their service countries and citizens of the United States. The Peace Corps has educational partnerships with Oregon's universities including: University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University and Willamette University.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 honors the work of Peace Corps volunteers from Oregon and throughout the United States in the movement for peace and development.