

House Bill 3042

Corrected Requester

Sponsored by Representative BOONE, Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Hayley Rollins)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates April 14 of each year as Honorary Artists of Oregon Day.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to a day to celebrate the arts.

2 Whereas art education should not be an elective in Oregon schools, but a necessity; and

3 Whereas students should be encouraged to take art classes at all levels, from preschool to col-
4 lege; and

5 Whereas art education may assist in brain development through techniques that highlight
6 hand-eye coordination, mixing colors, layering and sequencing; and

7 Whereas children who are well-grounded in the arts tend to be strong in other subjects as well,
8 and achieve many successes in life academically, spiritually, socially and creatively; and

9 Whereas the fast-paced nature of modern life makes it difficult to take time to nurture creati-
10 vity, express and explore emotions and engage in nonlinear thinking to create new ideas; and

11 Whereas Oregon should continue to support and fund art education and make such education
12 an integral part of school; and

13 Whereas a day to celebrate art and artists would give Oregonians the opportunity to explore
14 personal expression, to be educated about art history, theory, technique and practice and to be ex-
15 posed to living and working artists of this state and of the world; and

16 Whereas in schools, students and teachers could celebrate by working in different art media and
17 connecting with local artists; and

18 Whereas outside of schools, Oregonians could celebrate by working together to incorporate art
19 into their communities through murals, sculptures, community gardens and other art projects; now,
20 therefore,

21 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

22 **SECTION 1. April 14 of each year is designated as Honorary Artists of Oregon Day to**
23 **celebrate art and artists, to promote art education in this state and to encourage engage-**
24 **ment in artistic endeavors.**
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