

House Bill 3348

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SUMMARY

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Designates March 10 of each year as "Mighty Oregon" Day.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a day to celebrate the University of Oregon fight song.

3 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" is the fight song of the University of Oregon; and

4 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" is a rousing song played at football and basketball games and other
5 school functions, and rings out over campus from the Erb Memorial Union on weekdays at noon and
6 6 p.m.; and

7 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was composed in 1915 by Albert John Perfect, director of the Eugene
8 Municipal Band and first salaried band director at the University of Oregon, along with journalism
9 student DeWitt Gilbert; and

10 Whereas the melody of the trio section of "Mighty Oregon," the most popular of the three
11 verses, was written to harmonize with a hit 1912 marching tune popularized during World War I
12 called "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and "Mighty Oregon" was originally subtitled "The
13 Tipperary of the West"; and

14 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was first introduced to the student body during a performance on
15 March 10, 1916; and

16 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was immediately successful and had gained national exposure by the
17 mid-20th century; and

18 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" continues to rouse and inspire supporters of the University of Oregon
19 sports teams; and

20 Whereas just as the first verse of "Mighty Oregon" states, what the University of Oregon "lacks
21 in mass and numbers / She makes up for in her fight"; and

22 Whereas a day to celebrate "Mighty Oregon" will enrich and educate students and Oregonians
23 about the history and meaning behind the renowned fight song; now, therefore,

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

25 **SECTION 1. March 10 of each year shall be known as "Mighty Oregon" Day to celebrate**
26 **University of Oregon school spirit and the renowned anthem that serves as the university's**
27 **fight song.**

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