

House Bill 3568

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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**.

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to remove official State of Mississippi flag from Walk of Flags display at State Capitol State Park and replace with Mississippi Magnolia Flag.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Walk of the Flags on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 Whereas the Walk of the Flags on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park contains the state
5 flags of all 50 states of the United States; and

6 Whereas the official flag of the State of Mississippi contains within it the image of the Confed-
7 erate flag from the Civil War era; and

8 Whereas the Confederate flag symbolizes for many Americans a history of slavery and racism;
9 and

10 Whereas the Mississippi Magnolia Flag is an historical flag of the State of Mississippi that does
11 not contain symbols of slavery, racism or the Confederacy; and

12 Whereas Oregonians have striven for generations to overcome racial and ethnic prejudice, in
13 order to have a state that embraces values of tolerance, diversity and fundamental human dignity;
14 and

15 Whereas many Oregonians object to a symbol of slavery, racism and intolerance being displayed
16 in a place of honor in the State Capitol State Park; and

17 Whereas the Walk of the Flags should symbolize those values that Oregonians share with their
18 fellow Americans; now, therefore,

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

20 **SECTION 1. The State Parks and Recreation Department shall remove the official State**
21 **of Mississippi flag from the Walk of the Flags on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park**
22 **and, as soon as is practicable, add the Mississippi Magnolia Flag to the Walk of the Flags**
23 **display.**

24 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
26 **on its passage.**

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