

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/16/16

Action: Be Adopted.

Meeting Dates: 02/16

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors Portland Timbers for their 2015 MLS Cup victory.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Significance of soccer to Portland and Oregon
- Success of Timbers
- Dedication of Timbers Army and team's supporters

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Portland Timbers earned their first Major League Soccer (MLS) championship on December 6, 2015, capturing the 2015 MLS Cup trophy with a 2 to 1 victory over Columbus Crew SC.

Led by head coach Caleb Porter, the Portland Timbers finished a winning season that landed them third in the Western Conference, a placement that earned them the right to advance to the MLS Cup Playoffs. The team progressed without a loss in their post-season playoff march to win the cup final, defeating Sporting Kansas City, Vancouver Whitecaps FC, FC Dallas and Columbus Crew SC.

Throughout the season, the Portland Timbers were spurred to victory by the rousing cheers of the Timbers Army and the team's legion of supporters who have filled Providence Park to capacity for every regular-season and playoff match since the Portland Timbers' inaugural MLS season.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 207 honors the Portland Timbers for their victory in winning the 2015 MLS Cup.