

HCR 21 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commemorates 100th anniversary of Deschutes County's establishment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Deschutes County, established 100 years ago, was named to embrace the Deschutes River, one element of the County's varying landscape.

In the early 20th century, the 3,055 square miles that now make up Deschutes County were part of Crook County. Many residents initially considered splitting off from Crook County following the completion of the railroad known as the Oregon Trunk Line that spurred the rapid growth of Bend and Redmond. Governor James Withycombe announced the creation of Deschutes County on December 13, 1916, the new county included the southern part of Crook County with the city of Bend being the county seat. The first officers to be appointed included Judge William Barnes, Commissioners A. L. Mackintosh and Lew Smith, District Attorney Harvey DeArmond and Sheriff S. E. Roberts.

As the last county to be created, Deschutes County has grown rapidly from its initial 5,000 inhabitants in 1916 to become the fastest growing county in the state. With snow-capped peaks to the west and the high desert to the east, Deschutes County has developed into a bustling region of unique beauty where progress and tradition, recreational activities and business, wildlife and agriculture intertwine.

House Concurrent Resolution 21 commemorates the 100th anniversary of Deschutes County's creation.