

HB 3062 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Olson

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 03/30/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Barreto

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes April 6 of each year as National Tartan Day in Oregon. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Significant Scottish figures throughout state history
- Stigma associated with wearing a kilt
- Annual National Tartan Day
- Tartan history and etiquette

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In March 1998, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 155, designating April 6 of every year as National Tartan Day to celebrate Scottish culture and heritage and to recognize the role of Scottish Americans in the development of the United States. The particular date was selected because it was the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath on April 6, 1320; which was, in effect, Scotland's declaration of independence.

The recognition of National Tartan Day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of people of Scottish descent on all aspects of life in our nation, notably in commerce, medicine, science, the arts, technology, law, literature and exploration. Men and women of Scottish heritage have helped to shape Oregon and its history, like the botanical explorer David Douglas, for whom our state tree is named, the "father of Oregon," Dr. John McLoughlin, and women's suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway.

House Bill 3062 designates April 6 of each year as National Tartan Day in Oregon and encourages all Oregonians to participate in celebrations and activities created to observe the day.