

SCR 7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Marsh

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/07/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

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

Exc: 1 - Nosse

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Prepared By: Erin Seiler, LPRO Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors and celebrates life and achievements of Senator Alan Bates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Life and service of Sen. Alan Bates
- His commitment to community and patients

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senator Alan Bates was born on March 17, 1945 in Seattle, Washington to Curtis and Ruth Bates. Senator Bates graduated from Everett High School in 1963 and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, Senator Bates attended and graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. During his career as a physician, Senator Bates excelled in patient-centered care and maintained a family medical practice in Southern Oregon for more than 30 years. Additionally, Senator Bates served as the Chief of Medicine at Rogue Regional Medical Center and Providence Medical Center, and was on the board of directors of Asante Physician Partners.

A founder of modern healthcare in Oregon, Senator Bates served on and chaired the Health Services Commission where he worked to develop the methodology for the Oregon Health Plan. In 2000, after 10 years of dutiful service on the Eagle Point School Board, Senator Bates became a member of the Oregon House of Representatives where he worked to preserve the Oregon Health Plan by reaching "across the aisle" to cultivate bipartisan consensus. Senator Bates was subsequently elected to the Oregon Senate in 2004, and became known for his role in creating the Oregon Health Authority and guiding Oregon's Health System Transformation. During his time as a member of the Oregon Senate, Senator Bates made great efforts to help provide working class Oregonians with opportunities to prosper and to ensure a healthy, livable planet for future generations.

Senator Bates was a son, father, husband, grandfather, friend, statesman, doctor, champion of the environment, hero to strangers in need and master fly fisherman. Throughout his life, and through his work as both a physician and a public official, Senator Bates improved the lives of millions of individuals and set the ultimate example of what a selfless and caring person can truly accomplish on behalf of others.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 honors and celebrates the remarkable life and achievements of Senator Alan Bates and expresses gratitude for his service to the Legislative Assembly and all Oregonians.