

Senate Bill 957

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW (at the request of Oregon CEDAW Coalition)

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**.

Declares November 29 of each year to be International Women Human Rights Defenders and CEDAW Day in Oregon.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a day of commemoration for defenders of rights; and prescribing an effective date.

3 Whereas in 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), a treaty addressing the social, economic and political barriers women face, and President Jimmy Carter signed the treaty on behalf of the United States in 1980; and

7 Whereas each year on International Women Human Rights Defenders Day, commemorated on November 29, people around the world are asked to recognize the activists who advocate for women's rights and human rights; and

10 Whereas the State of Oregon recognizes the rights of all, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, philosophical beliefs and economic status; and

13 Whereas the Legislative Assembly fully acknowledges our state's efforts and responsibility in supporting and protecting the human rights of all and realizes that while women and girls have made great strides in gaining equity in many fields, they still face barriers in achieving total equity and that more needs to be done statewide to address these disparities; and

17 Whereas Governor Kate Brown signed a proclamation on November 12, 2015, proclaiming November 29, 2015, to be International Women Human Rights Defenders and CEDAW Day in Oregon; now, therefore,

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

21 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly declares November 29 of each year as International Women Human Rights Defenders and CEDAW Day in Oregon and encourages all Oregonians to join in its observance.**

24 **SECTION 2. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.