

HCR 206 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Congratulates and honors Oregon State University on its 150th Anniversary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Only four years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act into law allowing each state to establish a public higher education institution, the articles of incorporation were filed for Corvallis College and on October 27, 1868 the college was officially chartered. Now known as Oregon State University (OSU), Corvallis College was designated the state's agricultural college to provide teaching in agriculture, engineering, and military tactics. After the first graduating class in 1870 included three students—two men and one woman—Corvallis College became the “people's school” of Oregon.

Throughout its 150 years OSU has continued to grow both physically and academically. Since the completion of its first building, OSU now operates its Corvallis campus, the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend, the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, forest research labs, and 14 agricultural experiment stations in addition to its continued land grant mission through OSU Extension Service offices and programs in each of Oregon's 36 counties.

OSU is now Oregon's largest university with more than 31,500 enrolled students, of whom approximately two-thirds are Oregon resident undergraduates. OSU remains committed to inclusive excellence and more than 23 percent of its enrollment is made up of students underrepresented in the United States, 11.5 percent by international students and 23 percent by first-generation college students. Faculty members at OSU have educated generations of students, made vital scientific discoveries, created renowned works of literature and art, and been awarded the Nobel Prize, the National Medal of Science, the MacArthur Fellowship and countless other honors. OSU is one of only two universities in the United States that have been honored with land, sea, space, and sun grant designations.

In addition to its many contributions to the education and innovation of Oregon, Oregon State University also has a statewide annual economic impact totaling more than \$2.2 billion.

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