

SCR 201 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, Dr. Guadalupe Guajardo, Liliana Luna and Anita Yap as recipients of the Oregon Commission for Women's 2017 Women of Achievement Award.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since it first awarded the Women of Achievement Award to Vera Katz in 1985, the Oregon Commission for Women has recognized 92 women who, through their vocation and avocation, have significantly improved the lives of women in Oregon. The 2017 Women of Achievement Award recipients are Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, Dr. Guadalupe Guajardo, Liliana Luna and Anita Yap.

Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry is a scholar, educator, community leader and mentor, who is recognized for a lifetime of work increasing equity and inclusion opportunities for Latina women in Oregon. She served as the chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies at Oregon State University, published academic literature celebrating the voices of *Mexicanos in Oregon* and founded several nonprofit organizations dedicated to integrating Latinas into the community and supporting their involvement in the public process. Dr. Gonzales-Berry is a passionate Latina leader dedicated to providing leadership and mentoring opportunities to Latina women.

Dr. Guadalupe Guajardo is a change agent, social justice activist, trainer and coach, who is recognized for a legacy of work built upon her family values of justice, community building, engagement and inclusion. She serves on the leadership group directing the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary of the U.S.-Ontario Province, dedicated her professional life to helping nonprofit organizations work with marginalized communities and played a founding role in multiple organizations that promote multiculturalism and the rights of women. Dr. Guajardo is a community champion whose life-long work exemplifies outstanding leadership in civic engagement.

Liliana Luna is a trailblazer, educator, advocate and role model, who is recognized as an emerging leader that demonstrates commitment to equity and inclusion for multicultural students, especially women of color. She is a graduate student in counseling education at Portland State University, where she coordinates the Multicultural Center, leads the Diversity Council and opened the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Center at the Rock Creek Campus. Ms. Luna is a mentor and role model to young Latina students, who empowers these women to achieve academic excellence and become the next generation of leaders, modeling her advocacy, commitment to education and community involvement.

Anita Yap is an urban planner, community leader and mentor, who is recognized as a champion for promoting diverse, equitable and inclusive civic engagement models for communities and women of color. She founded a consulting group helping organizations engage with diverse communities, cofounded a volunteer organization dedicated to providing coaching and mentoring opportunities to women of color and tirelessly volunteers with nonprofit organizations that promote equitable hiring practices. Ms. Yap is a collaborative leader who is passionate about ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion for women and communities of color.