

SCR 205 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Courtney

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/20/18
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Roblan, Winters
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and celebrates Dr. Joe Robertson for his career at Oregon Health and Science University and extends well wishes to him upon his retirement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Dr. Robertson's formative years in Indiana; golfing with Fuzzy Zoeller and watching John Cougar Mellencamp perform
- Dr. Robertson falling in love with Oregon during his residency
- Rising up through the ranks at OHSU to become a 'homegrown' President
- Continuing to see patients throughout his career

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Joe Robertson began his residency at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in 1979 and joined the faculty in 1985. Before ascending to a leadership role at OHSU, Dr. Robertson spent the early stages of his career educating the next generation of health care providers, performing innovative research, and providing high-quality care to patients. Thereafter, Dr. Robertson became Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, Director of the Casey Eye Institute, Dean of the School of Medicine and, ultimately, President of OHSU.

The metaphorical bridges Dr. Robertson built between OHSU and other institutions of higher education resulted in tangible benefits to OHSU and all of Oregon, including the creation of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, the construction of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, and the development of the Campus for Rural Health. These projects serve to highlight Dr. Robertson's dual legacy of continuing to develop a world-renowned institution of medicine and higher learning, while also executing OHSU's mission to serve the health care needs of all Oregonians, regardless of where they live.

Dr. Robertson's 40-year career began with a devotion to teaching, healing, and research, and culminated in successfully leading one of Oregon's crown jewels through a fundamentally transformative period in the provision of medicine. For all of these reasons, SCR 205 recognizes and celebrates Dr. Robertson's myriad achievements and contributions to OHSU and the State of Oregon during his many years of service and leadership and wishes him well in his retirement.