

SCR 7 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes April 14, 2019, as Sikh American community's celebration of Vaisakhi in Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Vaisakhi is an ancient festival that annually, typically on April 14th, celebrates the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699.

In several parts of northern India, especially the Punjab region, Vaisakhi is a long-established harvest festival to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for abundant "rabi" crops in the coming season. Vaisakhi is commemorated in Sikh communities all over the world, including in the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States, with an array of religious and cultural celebrations throughout the day such as parades, dancing, and singing.

The State of Oregon is grateful to the Sikh community for its ongoing contributions to the cultural fabric of our state. Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 recognizes April 14, 2019 as Sikh American community's celebration of Vaisakhi in Oregon.