

HCR 2 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/15, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commemorates 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln High School in Portland.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Recognizes 20 state championships won by Lincoln High School's Constitution Team.

BACKGROUND:

Only a decade after Oregon became a state, Abraham Lincoln High School was established as Portland High School in 1869, making it one of the oldest and most celebrated public secondary schools west of the Mississippi River. Located in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Portland, Lincoln High School currently occupies its fourth building, with plans for the fifth campus well underway.

Lincoln High School has more than 60 faculty members who provide high-quality academic and extracurricular opportunities, including enhanced and advanced coursework in English, social studies, mathematics, physical and life sciences, and foreign languages. Lincoln High School has been nationally recognized as one of America's best public high schools based on its consistently high graduation rates, large number of National Merit semifinalists, and the high participation levels and test scores of students participating in the International Baccalaureate program. Lincoln High School is also home to the oldest continuously published high school newspaper on the West Coast, The Cardinal Times, which was established in 1897.

Lincoln High School has earned national distinction on many fronts. The Lincoln High School Constitution Team has won six national titles as well as 24 state championships, and the Speech and Debate and Mock Trial teams have also earned national distinction. For the Lincoln community, the Lincoln High School student-athletes have served as role models to strive for excellence by winning 38 state championships, 24 of which were won by all-women teams. Lincoln continues to dedicate itself to creating an open and welcoming community for all genders and sexualities, which they demonstrated by becoming the fifth high school in the nation to set up a multistall gender-neutral bathroom.

In addition to its contributions to the education of Oregon, Lincoln High School has produced a long line of illustrious alumni, including Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny, and musicians Signe Toly Anderson of Jefferson Airplane and Nate Query of The Decemberists, along with many others.

House Concurrent Resolution 2 A commemorates the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln High School in Portland.