

SCR 32 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/15/19
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan
Exc: 1 - Boquist
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Congratulates Congregation Neveh Shalom on its 150th anniversary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Community and state impact of the Congregation Neveh Shalom
- Hebrew translation of Neveh Shalom to “Oasis of Peace”
- 150-year history of the Congregation Neveh Shalom
- Size and diversity of the Congregation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For 150 years, Congregation Neveh Shalom has served Portland, Oregon, as an anchoring religious, social, and educational institution and has gained recognition throughout the country for its many contributions.

Congregation Neveh Shalom is the largest Conservative Jewish congregation west of Minneapolis and north of Los Angeles, and the congregants serve the larger community as doctors, lawyers, judges, teachers, and elected officials. The congregation provides a safe and supportive space to various groups in recovery, so they may work to better their own lives and improve their roles as citizens. Congregation Neveh Shalom feeds several thousand members of the houseless community every year, including through its Soup to the Streets program, which delivers food directly to the people living in tents and sleeping bags. The congregation is working to address the housing crisis by partnering with Habitat for Humanity and by building a tiny home for the houseless community as a collective thank you for being blessed with a home of its own for 150 years. Congregation Neveh Shalom has won numerous awards for its outstanding programming and has been a leader in the field of interfaith work, partnering with Christians, Muslims, and persons and institutions of many other faiths to build bridges of tolerance and mutual understanding.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 32 congratulates Congregation Neveh Shalom on its 150th anniversary and expresses gratitude to the congregation and its clergy, staff, and members for their ongoing service to the State of Oregon.