

SCR 37 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/12/19

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Baertschiger Jr, Boquist, Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Keanon Lowe for his brave and selfless actions on behalf of the Parkrose High School community.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Parkrose High School incident
- Heroism

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Keanon Lowe, a former star football player at the University of Oregon, is an athletics coach and security guard at Parkrose. On May 17, 2019, the Parkrose High School community in Portland, Oregon, experienced a threat posed by an armed student, and Keanon Lowe moved instantly to disarm a student who had entered a classroom carrying a loaded shotgun.

Keanon Lowe is an outstanding coach and leader who cares deeply about the community he serves at Parkrose, and who completely disregarded his own safety in the face of mortal danger and prevented a tragedy. Thanks to his prompt and decisive actions, the incredibly dangerous situation was ultimately resolved with no injuries or loss of life and the disarmed student was taken into custody by police officers. Lowe later said, "I feel like I was put in that room in that very moment for a reason-to protect those kids." Keanon Lowe was awarded a medal of honor by the Portland Police Bureau for his actions on May 17.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 37 recognizes and honors Keanon Lowe for his brave and selfless actions on behalf of the Parkrose High School community.