

House Concurrent Resolution 37

Sponsored by Representative GORSEK, Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representative REARDON, Senator DEMBROW; Representatives HELM, HERNANDEZ, PILUSO, RAYFIELD, SMITH WARNER, WILLIAMS, WILLIAMSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Commends Mt. Hood Community College and Sandy River Watershed Council for collaborative work in improving fish habitat.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas two Sandy River tributaries, Beaver and Kelly Creeks, flow through the campus of
3 Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) in Gresham, Oregon; and

4 Whereas MHCC's 212-acre campus has a major role in the health of the surrounding Sandy
5 River Basin, and MHCC is committed to responsible stewardship of this land; and

6 Whereas runoff from the developed parts of the MHCC campus leads to the warming and pol-
7 lution of water draining into Beaver and Kelly Creeks; and

8 Whereas MHCC, with the guidance and assistance of the Sandy River Watershed Council, de-
9 veloped a long-term plan, currently being implemented, that identified a range of retrofits and
10 changes to parking lots and structures on campus to intercept and clean stormwater drainage; and

11 Whereas other key partners in the collaborative project include the East Multnomah Soil and
12 Water Conservation District, the City of Gresham, Metro, Multnomah County, the Department of
13 Environmental Quality, the Salmon-Safe Partner Network and the Spirit Mountain Community Fund;
14 and

15 Whereas MHCC is committed to a series of yearly sustainable campus improvements in the
16 coming years, including the addition of permeable pavement, pedestrian walkways, rain gardens and
17 numerous naturescaping initiatives; and

18 Whereas MHCC now catches and cleans approximately 2 million gallons of stormwater runoff
19 from its campus each year, which removes 1,600 pounds of pollutants annually; and

20 Whereas MHCC's retrofits complement the initiatives of other agencies, including the recent
21 reworking of the culvert under SE Stark Street by Multnomah County; and

22 Whereas MHCC students, faculty and staff have been able to participate in various aspects of
23 the project, which offers great potential for enhanced educational opportunities at MHCC; and

24 Whereas in 2016, MHCC became the first community college in the nation to be certified as
25 Salmon-Safe; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

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27 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend Mt. Hood Community
28 College and the Sandy River Watershed Council for their dedicated stewardship and leadership of
29 the collaborative project that has made significant improvements to fish habitat in the Sandy River
30 Basin; and be it further

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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1 Resolved, That we congratulate Mt. Hood Community College on its historic and significant
2 Salmon-Safe certification.
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