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

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

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

Whereas runoff from the developed parts of the MHCC campus leads to the warming and pollution of water draining into Beaver and Kelly Creeks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend Mt. Hood Community College and the Sandy River Watershed Council for their dedicated stewardship and leadership of the collaborative project that has made significant improvements to fish habitat in the Sandy River 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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Resolved, That we congratulate Mt. Hood Community College on its historic and significant Salmon-Safe certification.