

SCR 205 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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Meeting Dates: 2/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commemorates 50th anniversary of Portland Trail Blazers, congratulates organization on its many achievements, and extends best wishes to the Trail Blazers for continued success.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1970, the National Basketball Association board of governors granted Harry Glickman the rights to an expansion franchise in Portland, Oregon. A contest was held to allow fans to vote for a team name, and a judging panel selected "Trail Blazers." The Portland Trail Blazers played their first game on October 16, 1970, defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-112. The franchise sold out 814 consecutive home games from 1997 through 1995, and made 21 consecutive playoff appearances from 1983 to 2003. Six Trail Blazers players and two coaches have been inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, including regular season and NBA final MVP Bill Walton. Current star Damian Lillard was awarded the 2012 Rookie of the Year and recently became one of only six NBA players with multiple 60-point games. The Trail Blazers have won six division titles (1978, 1991, 1992, 1999, 2015, 2018), three Western Conference titles (1977, 1990, 1992) and one NBA Championship (1977).

The Trail Blazers Foundation is a nonprofit that offers grants to support underserved youth and their families throughout Oregon and southwest Washington. Since 2009, the Trail Blazers Foundation and Trail Blazers corporation have donated more than \$5 million to local communities.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 205 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Portland Trail Blazers, congratulates the organization on its many achievements, and extends best wishes to the Trail Blazers for continued success in the future.