

SB 1524 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program, establishes the process for annually nominating and selecting individuals, and establishes nominee qualifications.

Detailed Summary

Establishes the Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program. Allows each major-party caucus office in the Senate and in the House of Representatives to select up to three Oregonians to be nominated annually, on or before February 1 of each even-numbered year, and on or before April 15 of each odd-numbered year. Requires nominees: to not be paid for the work being recognized and to not have been previously recognized for such work; not be an elected or appointed official in state or local government, a lobbyist, or employed by a political party or committee; and to perform the work within the nominator's Senate or House district. Requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to jointly select up to 12 nominees by March 1, or adjournment sine die of the regular session, of an even-numbered year, or by June 30, or adjournment sine die of the regular session, in an odd-numbered years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City of Lake Oswego honors individuals and/or groups who work behind the scenes on behalf of their community, in a volunteer capacity. Through Lake Oswego's "Unsung Heroes" program, these individuals and groups are recognized for their work. Nominees must be volunteers, must not have been previously recognized, is not an elected or appointed government official, nor employed by the city, and performs their efforts within the city or the greater Lake Oswego area.

Award recipients include volunteers with: the Festival of the Arts, Lake Oswego Library, Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation events, the Chinese Youth and Women in Development Organization, the Oswego Heritage House, and more. Organizations that have received the award include Adopt-a-Plot at Luscher Farm and Lake Oswego High School Tech Support Club.