

SCR 203 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/29, 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure celebrates the life and accomplishments of Alice Bartelt (1947-2023) and recognizes and honors her contributions to the people of Oregon.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The life and service of Alice Bartelt

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Alice Bartelt was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on August 27, 1947, to Ruth and Gene Parkhurst. As the daughter of a career Navy man, she lived on the island of Cuba for several years before moving to San Diego, California, where she attended elementary school and high school and met her future husband, Richard “Dick” Alan Bartelt. Alice and Dick Bartelt eloped in 1966 in San Francisco, California. In 1970, they moved to Portland, Oregon, where they raised a family and where Alice put into earnest action her lifelong passion for supporting local, national, and global women’s rights organizations.

Alice Bartelt earned her undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University and graduated with a law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1981. She practiced workers’ compensation law for 25 years before retiring in March 2007 from SAIF Corporation, where she served as a staff attorney.

Alice Bartelt was a Professional Registered Parliamentarian, as well as a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians. She served as a parliamentarian for numerous organizations, including the American Association of University Women of Oregon, the Democratic Party of Oregon, the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians, the Oregon Republican Party, the Sons of Norway, the Washington County Democrats, WomenFirst, and Zonta International.

Alice Bartelt was an active member of, and served on the boards of, the American Association of University Women (Oregon president, 1998-2000), the American Institute of Parliamentarians, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the Diversity Section of the Oregon State Bar, the League of Women Voters of Oregon (Advocacy Chair, 2011-2023, and president from 2023 until her death), Pro-Choice Oregon, the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians, Oregon Women Lawyers, WomenFirst, and Zonta International (from 2016 until her death). She served faithfully at the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Baptist in Portland as an acolyte and reader in worship and as a stalwart volunteer and financial contributor to the church’s social ministries, especially in its material support and justice advocacy for the people of the Western Farm Workers Association in Hillsboro, Oregon.

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Alice Bartelt was a committed voice for democracy and for voting rights and was always willing to step in to fill a need, to serve as a mentor, and to share her limitless knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedures. She spent tens of thousands of hours over the course of her remarkable life volunteering for the causes dear to her heart.

Alice Bartelt died on August 29, 2023. She is survived by her daughters Barb Damon and Sandy Meyers; grandchildren Scott and Hayden Meyers; sister Karen Farrington and her children; and her longtime partner, Paul Moore.