

Senate Bill 1524

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER, Representative NGUYEN D (Presession filed.)

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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Creates a new way for legislative leaders to recognize unsung heroes for their efforts to make things better in this state. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Establishes the Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program. Sets forth legislative findings on unsung heroes and authorizes legislative caucus offices to nominate, and presiding officers to select, up to 12 Oregonians to be recognized as unsung legislative heroes each year.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Unsung Legislative Heroes Recognition Program is established.**

5 **(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that many Oregonians volunteer behind the scenes in**
6 **numerous ways to bring meaningful and positive change to their communities, while con-**
7 **sistently demonstrating excellence, enthusiasm, creativity, persistence and problem-solving**
8 **skills. The Legislative Assembly further finds that these Oregonians serve as positive role**
9 **models in their communities, promoting the spirit of community involvement by helping**
10 **others without any intention of obtaining personal gain, while their efforts elicit respect and**
11 **admiration. The Legislative Assembly declares that the purpose of the Unsung Legislative**
12 **Heroes Recognition Program is to establish an annual process to recognize these outstanding**
13 **members of their communities and their efforts, which all Oregonians benefit from.**

14 **(3) Each major-party caucus office in the Senate and in the House of Representatives**
15 **may select up to three Oregonians that reflect the attributes described in subsection (2) of**
16 **this section and that meet the following other requirements:**

17 **(a) The nominee may not be paid for any of the work that is the basis for the nomination;**

18 **(b) The nominee may not be an elected or appointed official in state government, a local**
19 **government, a local service district or a special government body, as those terms are defined**
20 **in ORS 174.111, 174.116 and 174.117;**

21 **(c) The nominee has not been widely recognized for performing the work that is the basis**
22 **for the nomination;**

23 **(d) The nominee must not be a lobbyist, as defined in ORS 171.725, or be employed by a**
24 **political party that is either a major political party under ORS 248.006 or a minor political**
25 **party under ORS 248.008, or be employed by a political committee, as defined in ORS 260.005;**
26 **and**

27 **(e) The nominee performs the work that is the basis for the nomination primarily within**
28 **the Senate or House district whose member is affiliated with the caucus office that is making**
29 **the nomination.**

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.

1 **(4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**
2 **jointly select up to 12 nominees made under subsection (3) of this section to be Unsung**
3 **Legislative Heroes for the year.**

4 **(5)(a) Each major-party caucus office shall make the nominations described in subsection**
5 **(3) of this section:**

6 **(A) On or before February 1 of each even-numbered year; and**

7 **(B) On or before April 15 of each odd-numbered year.**

8 **(b) The presiding officers shall select Unsung Legislative Heroes for the year on or before**
9 **the earlier of:**

10 **(A) In the case of an even-numbered year, March 1 or the adjournment sine die of the**
11 **even-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly; and**

12 **(B) In the case of an odd-numbered year, June 30 or the adjournment sine die of the**
13 **odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly.**

14 **(6) As used in this section, “major-party caucus office” means a caucus office whose**
15 **members are affiliated with a major political party under ORS 248.006.**

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