

House Concurrent Resolution 18

Sponsored by Representatives LIVELY, ANDERSEN; Representatives GAMBA, MARSH, NATHANSON, WALLAN, Senator STARR

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: Pays honor to the League of Oregon Cities as it reaches its 100th year. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Recognizes and honors the League of Oregon Cities on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the League of Oregon Cities was founded in 1925 by 25 Oregon cities with the mission
3 of providing support, advocacy and resources to all incorporated cities in Oregon; and

4 Whereas for a century, the League of Oregon Cities has played a pivotal role in advancing
5 municipal governance, promoting best practices and fostering collaboration among cities, thereby
6 enhancing the quality of life of Oregonians throughout this state; and

7 Whereas through initiatives including legislative advocacy, professional development and the
8 delivery of essential services and resources, the League of Oregon Cities has empowered local gov-
9 ernments to effectively address the ever-evolving needs of their communities; and

10 Whereas throughout its 100 years of existence, the League of Oregon Cities has lobbied
11 tirelessly in advancement of issues that are vital to all cities in Oregon, including sustainable de-
12 velopment, infrastructure improvement, public safety, equity in local governance and the preserva-
13 tion of home rule authority; and

14 Whereas Oregon's 241 cities are home to approximately 3 million residents, accounting for 70
15 percent of the state's total population; and

16 Whereas these cities serve as the economic, cultural and social hubs of the state, providing es-
17 sential infrastructure services and opportunities for the majority of Oregonians; and

18 Whereas continued investment in city infrastructure, including water systems, roads and hous-
19 ing, is critical to supporting the needs of this substantial population and driving statewide economic
20 growth; and

21 Whereas in the 1930s, the League of Oregon Cities began advocating for the creation of the
22 statewide retirement plan that would come to be known as the Public Employees Retirement System
23 (PERS); and

24 Whereas for decades, the League of Oregon Cities has prevailed in its efforts to preserve public
25 lands as a free resource for recreational use by the public; and

26 Whereas in 2014, the League of Oregon Cities was a partner in creating the Regional Solutions
27 Program, a resource for community and economic development that provides collaborative
28 governance, regional coordination and creative problem-solving to communities throughout this
29 state; and

30 Whereas in 2017, the League of Oregon Cities prevailed in its advocacy for House Bill 2017,

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1 which provided a critical funding increase for local government investments and state projects in
2 key transportation corridors and which is, to date, the largest multimodal transportation
3 infrastructure package in state history; and

4 Whereas the League of Oregon Cities also contributed to the creation of the Small City Allot-
5 ment Program in 2017, which provides an annual allocation of state funds for local transportation
6 projects for incorporated cities with populations of 5,000 or less; and

7 Whereas in 2023, the League of Oregon Cities saw major legislative successes as it worked with
8 partners to jointly address affordable housing and the housing shortage in Oregon; and

9 Whereas also in 2023, in response to the addiction and public safety crisis ravaging communities
10 throughout Oregon, the League of Oregon Cities joined with partners in law enforcement to form
11 the Public Safety Coalition, creating a comprehensive reform package for Oregon’s substance abuse
12 policies; and

13 Whereas across a century of steadfast advocacy, the League of Oregon Cities has made incom-
14 parable contributions to the resilience and vitality of communities throughout this state and im-
15 proved the lives of all Oregonians; now, therefore,

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

17 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor the League
18 of Oregon Cities on the 100th anniversary of its founding, and we celebrate its significant contri-
19 butions to the State of Oregon and encourage continued collaboration in advancing the interests and
20 well-being of all Oregonians.

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