

# House Concurrent Resolution 201

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART, Senator BURDICK; Representatives BUEHLER, HERNANDEZ, MARSH, NOSSE, SMITH WARNER (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**.

Commends Paul Warner for exemplary service as Legislative Revenue Officer and extends well wishes to him upon his retirement.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Paul Warner was first appointed Legislative Revenue Officer in January 1999, and  
3 served the Legislative Assembly as Legislative Revenue Officer from the date of his appointment  
4 until the date of his retirement in November 2017, a period of 18 years of continuous service; and

5       Whereas Paul Warner is only the third individual to hold the position of Legislative Revenue  
6 Officer, having served as Legislative Revenue Officer longer than anyone else; and

7       Whereas under Paul Warner's supervision, the Legislative Revenue Office prepared 108 formal  
8 research reports and an estimated 16,000 revenue impact statements; and

9       Whereas Paul Warner was born in a United States military hospital in Germany, due to his fa-  
10 ther being in the United States Air Force; and

11       Whereas because Paul Warner was in a military family, he grew up in many different places  
12 around the world, including Iceland, Mississippi and Tacoma, Washington; and

13       Whereas Paul Warner received a B.A. from Central Washington University in 1975 and a Ph.D.  
14 in economics from Washington State University in 1981; and

15       Whereas Paul Warner served as an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of  
16 Wisconsin-Stevens Point for four years following completion of his studies; and

17       Whereas between 1986 and 1989, Paul Warner served as a Senior Economist for the State of  
18 Mississippi, responsible for tax policy analysis and revenue forecasting for that state; and

19       Whereas Paul Warner moved to Oregon in 1989; and

20       Whereas Paul Warner has been married to his wife Laurie Warner for more than 20 years, has  
21 two grown children, Jill and Reed, and two grandchildren, Sofia and Carter; and

22       Whereas Paul Warner is a lifelong sports fan, and particularly loves cheering on the Washington  
23 State University Cougars; and

24       Whereas Paul Warner loves dogs, particularly beagles; and

25       Whereas when not pondering complex economic matters, Paul Warner loves learning about his-  
26 tory, and his friends and colleagues consider him a history buff; and

27       Whereas Paul Warner became the Oregon State Economist in 1989 and in that capacity served  
28 as the director of the Office of Economic Analysis; and

29       Whereas as the Oregon State Economist, Paul Warner was the person responsible for making  
30 the revenue estimates upon which the surplus revenue "kicker" refund was based, a job some have  
31 characterized as the least enviable in all of state government; and

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1       Whereas over the past 28 years, Oregon tax policy has grown in complexity and volatility; and  
2       Whereas Oregon tax policy is often multifaceted, attempting to accomplish many goals; and  
3       Whereas a sound tax and revenue system is the foundation of Oregon state and local  
4 governments' abilities to provide quality public services to all Oregonians; and

5       Whereas for the past 28 years, first as Oregon State Economist and for the last 18 years as  
6 Legislative Revenue Officer, Paul Warner has been at the center of countless discussions, debates  
7 and complex decisions on state and local tax and revenue policies; and

8       Whereas throughout his entire tenure as Legislative Revenue Officer, Paul Warner exhibited  
9 great knowledge, wisdom and expertise, while also possessing an ability to explain arcane and  
10 complex subjects in an accurate and understandable way; and

11       Whereas despite considerable demands and pressures placed on him, Paul Warner met all chal-  
12 lenges with graciousness, evenhandedness, patience and kindness, of which the Legislative Assembly  
13 and all Oregonians have been the fortunate beneficiaries; now, therefore,

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

15       That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, commend Paul Warner for his  
16 years of service as the Legislative Revenue Officer, extend congratulations and gratitude to Paul  
17 Warner for exemplary leadership and assistance given to the State of Oregon and Oregonians  
18 throughout his career and wish Paul Warner well in his retirement.

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