

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3348

Ordered by the House April 13
Including House Amendments dated April 13

Sponsored by Representatives HOYLE, MCKEOWN, Senator HANSELL; Representatives BARNHART, HAYDEN, LIVELY, NATHANSON, POST, Senators BEYER, DEVLIN, FERRIOLI, HASS, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN

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.

Designates March 10 of each year as "Mighty Oregon" Day.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a day to celebrate the University of Oregon fight song.

3 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" is the fight song of the University of Oregon; and

4 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" is a rousing song played at football and basketball games and other
5 school functions, and rings out over campus from the Erb Memorial Union on weekdays at noon and
6 6 p.m.; and

7 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was composed in 1915 by Albert John Perfect, director of the Eugene
8 Municipal Band and first salaried band director at the University of Oregon, along with journalism
9 student DeWitt Gilbert; and

10 Whereas the melody of the trio section of "Mighty Oregon," the most popular part of the march,
11 was written to fit the harmonies of the hit 1912 marching tune popularized during World War I
12 called "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and "Mighty Oregon" was originally subtitled "The
13 Tipperary of the West"; and

14 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was first introduced to the student body during a performance on
15 March 10, 1916; and

16 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" was immediately successful and had gained national exposure by the
17 mid-20th century; and

18 Whereas "Mighty Oregon" continues to rouse and inspire supporters of the University of Oregon
19 sports teams; and

20 Whereas just as the first verse of "Mighty Oregon" states, what the University of Oregon "lacks
21 in mass and numbers / She makes up for in her fight"; and

22 Whereas a day to celebrate "Mighty Oregon" will enrich and educate students and Oregonians
23 about the history and meaning behind the renowned fight song; now, therefore,

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

25 **SECTION 1. March 10 of each year shall be known as "Mighty Oregon" Day to celebrate**
26 **University of Oregon school spirit and the renowned anthem that serves as the university's**
27 **fight song.**

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