

# Senate Bill 333

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON, Representative GOMBERG (at the request of Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall) (Pre-session 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**.

Designates March 22 of each year as Tom McCall Day to commemorate Governor McCall and encourage school districts to educate children about Governor McCall's legacy.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a day to celebrate the legacy of Governor Tom McCall.

3       Whereas Thomas Lawson "Tom" McCall was born on March 22, 1913, and served as Governor  
4 of Oregon from 1967 to 1975; and

5       Whereas Tom McCall's time as Governor of Oregon is still remembered as an era of great  
6 progress and innovation, especially in the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life of  
7 Oregonians; and

8       Whereas the people of Oregon still benefit from many of the breakthroughs achieved under  
9 Governor McCall's leadership, including the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill; and

10       Whereas these accomplishments were the work of members of both political parties serving in  
11 all three branches of government, as well as thousands of ordinary citizens who were inspired and  
12 engaged by Tom McCall's dynamic example; and

13       Whereas Tom McCall also served the people of Oregon as a distinguished news reporter and  
14 commentator who produced landmark documentaries, including the celebrated *Pollution in*  
15 *Paradise*, which is still credited with creating a new awareness of the fragile nature of our state's  
16 environment and our collective responsibility to protect it; and

17       Whereas the State of Oregon is in danger of losing the reputation it held under Tom McCall's  
18 inspiring leadership as a place of influential innovation, in large part due to fading awareness of the  
19 McCall era in this state's history; and

20       Whereas many Oregonians, particularly school children, are unaware of Tom McCall's legacy;  
21 and

22       Whereas the Oregon Historical Society hosts a service-learning curriculum titled "Tom McCall:  
23 A Better Oregon" that offers teachers a number of resources to engage their students in learning  
24 about this transformational leader and his lasting legacy; and

25       Whereas engagement in civic and community affairs is the foundation on which our democracy  
26 is built, and learning about achievements of past leaders is one of the best ways to equip the people  
27 to strive for similar achievements in the future; now, therefore,

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

29       **SECTION 1. March 22 of each year shall be known as Tom McCall Day to commemorate**  
30 **Governor Tom McCall as one of the State of Oregon's greatest leaders and to encourage**  
31 **school districts around this state to make use of the "Tom McCall: A Better Oregon" cur-**

**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 **riculum hosted by the Oregon Historical Society so that Governor McCall's legacy can be**  
2 **carried forward into the future.**

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