

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 3
<b>Yeas:</b>	Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Read, Smith G., Tomei
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Judith Callens, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/26, 3/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue customized registration plates to Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. Directs Department to create a customized plate with a unique background design, configuration, image of specific medal, and containing the words "Medal of Honor". Authorizes Department to issue one set of registration plates to Medal of Honor recipients. Requires recipient to remove plates if vehicle is sold or destroyed. Prohibits registration plates from being used on any other motor vehicle except if registration plates are transferred through the Department to another vehicle owned by the recipient. Requires the Department to cancel any Medal of Honor registration plates if the Department determines that the motor vehicle is owned by a person who does not qualify. Authorizes Department of Transportation to promulgate rules.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Costs associated with creating a group plate
- One Medal of Honor recipient currently residing in Oregon
- Customized license plate regulations
- Unique design includes image of medal received from granting military branch

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Vehicle license plates must be linked to vehicle registration. ORS 803.300 requires vehicles to be registered in order to operate on Oregon's roads. The vehicle code gives the Department of Transportation the authority to register vehicles and to issue registration plates as evidence of registration. ORS 805.240 further authorizes the department to issue customized plates, upon request from a vehicle owner, for a plate with specific letters and/or numbers. Customized plates carry an additional \$25 annual fee.

Robert D. Maxell is a World War II veteran and currently the only Medal of Honor recipient living in Oregon. HB 2390A allows the Department of Transportation to design and issue registration plates to Medal of Honor recipients as a customized license plate.