

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 3
<b>Yeas:</b>	Buckley, Read, Smith G., Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Butler, Gilman, Tomei
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Judith Callens, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/11, 4/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Transportation to erect and maintain roadside memorial sign, commemorating the death of a pedestrian or bicyclist killed in motor vehicle accident, upon application by immediate family member. Directs department to maintain memorial sign for three years. Allows department to establish size, design and location regulations by rule. Requires memorial sign to contain victim's name.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Sign life span; three year maintenance provision
- Sign content; free speech issues
- Spacing for multiple signs in single intersection/location
- Prohibition from highways due to lack of visibility and safety considerations

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon adopted a national program in 1995 known as the Impaired Driving Victim Memorial Signing Program. This program installs signs on state highways at locations where a fatal car accident resulted from a driver under the influence of intoxicants. As of March 2007, 38 signs have been installed in Oregon. Currently, Oregon does not install memorial markers when a fatal crash does not involve intoxicated drivers. HB 3020 requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to erect a memorial sign, commemorating the death of a pedestrian or bicyclist, upon request from an immediate family member, if a motor vehicle driver is convicted for any reason. The bill directs the department to maintain the sign for three years. HB 3020 further allows the department to establish the size, design and location regulations by rule except that the sign must contain the victim's name.