

75<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2010 Special Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 1000

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Cowan  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Schrader

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 23 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Cowan, Edwards, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Komp, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Courtney, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Shields, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Kruse

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Meeting Date: February 17, 2010

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows a veteran to have included on his or her driver's license a notation that the person is a veteran. Allows the Department of Transportation to waive the customized registration plate fee for persons with the Congressional Medal of Honor registration plates.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No discussion

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

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon has 341,000 veterans. With the enactment of HB 3104 last session, the Legislative Assembly directed the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop and implement a veterans outreach program. ODVA has identified 80,000 Oregon veterans and has assisted them in obtaining benefits that these veterans have earned. SB 1000 would assist ODVA in identifying more Oregon veterans and would then be able to assist the veteran, if the veteran so desired, in obtaining federal veteran's benefits.

Oregon has a special license plate for those who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. One person has this license plate. He is a veteran of World War II. Last session, the legislature increased the fee for vanity plates from \$50 to \$100. This applied to the Congressional Medal of Honor plate as well.

ODOT will have a total cost of \$99,000 to implement the driver license component of this bill. ODOT will reprioritize the use of funds within its non-highway Transportation Operating Fund for the cost of this program. No additional expenditure limitation is required.