

**2010 Special Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** SB 1000                      **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Authorizes the Department of Transportation, if requested, to identify a veteran on the driver's license and permits the Department to waive the customized registration plate fee for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Transportation; Department of Veterans' Affairs  
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**DATE:** February 2, 2010

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|   | <u>2009-2011</u> | <u>2011-2013</u> |
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| <b>EXPENDITURES: Department of Transportation</b> |                  |                  |
| Personal Services                                 | \$ 22,500        | \$ Minimal       |
| Services and Supplies                             | \$ 76,500        | \$ _____         |
| Total – See Comments re: Fund Source              | \$ 99,000        | \$ _____         |

|                  | <u>2009-2011</u> | <u>2011-2013</u> |
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| <b>REVENUES:</b> |                  |                  |
| See Comments     |                  |                  |

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2010

**INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS:** The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed and approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 1000 allows the Department of Transportation (ODOT), when requested, to add veteran status to driver licenses. The bill also provides that ODOT may waive the license plate fee for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Since Oregon only has one Congressional Medal of Honor recipient at this time, the cost to waive the license fee is minimal and can be absorbed by limited ODOT non-highway funds. If the number of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients in Oregon reaches a number that can no longer be absorbed, another source of funds would be required.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs estimates minimal workload and cost from a potential increase in requests for verification of veteran status.

In order to add a veteran indicator to the driver license, the automated driver license system will need to be reprogrammed to add the required fields. This will require approximately 1,200 hours of programming time at \$55 per hour, project management cost of \$7,500, and Attorney General review cost of \$3,000, for a total programming cost of \$76,500. ODOT also anticipates additional implementation workload cost of \$22,500, for a total cost of \$99,000 to implement the driver license component of this bill.

ODOT cannot use dedicated Highway Trust Funds to offset the reprogramming costs or ongoing costs of this bill. ODOT's Transportation Operating Fund generated from non-highway use fuel taxes has limited capacity but could be used to fund the up-front implementation costs if another source was identified to repay the fund. Absent a payment mechanism, however, the cost of this bill would presumably be paid out of the General Fund.