

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/15, 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates money from General Fund for expenses associated with bringing electricity to Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Strong community support
- Large local veteran population
- Impact on tourism
- Preservation of military artifacts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Local citizens of Florence, Oregon observed the need for a military museum on the Oregon Coast. The citizen group's mission was to educate members of the coastal communities about the role military veterans played in defending freedoms and to provide a place for veterans to share their personal artifacts and memorabilia. The group raised enough money to purchase a building and land for the museum. (What does site mean? Did they purchase the land and building separately?) Local permits to provide electricity to the building cost \$34,000. The cost to wire the building with electricity is \$7,000. House Bill 2638 would appropriate \$41,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Oregon Coast Military Heritage Museum for the cost of city fees and permits as well as bringing electrical power to the museum site.