

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Esquivel, Witt

Nays: Parrish

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/15, 4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates commission for purpose of creating Oregon Medal of Honor to honor memory of Oregon service members killed in action, or as a result of wounds received in action, while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Requires Commission to design and name medal to be presented to Governor for approval. Upon Governor's approval project to be presented to the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly for its approval.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Support for Gold Star families
- 127 Oregon soldiers died while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Name of medal

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces entire measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently there is no award for the next of kin of service members killed in action or who died as a result of their wounds received in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. House Bill 2848A establishes a Commission to create an award to be given to the next of kin when a service member dies. The Commission is required to submit their proposal for an award to the Governor and subsequently the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly for approval.