

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 3 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Monnes Anderson, President Courtney, Boquist

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Olsen

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/4, 5/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Recognizes validity of written instrument used in Armed Forces for directed disposition of decedent's remains. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of Department of Defense DD Form 93
- Need for statutory revision

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

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to federal law, military service members must complete the United States Department of Defense DD Form 93. The form requires, in part, that service members designate a "person authorized to direct disposition" of their remains in the event of death. Only a family member, or a person acting *in loco parentis*, can be selected for this responsibility. Oregon law, however, allows for disposition of remains only if the written document is in compliance with the form provided in ORS 97.130. When a written instrument does not comply with the form provided under ORS 97.130, disposition of service members' remains defaults to a priority listing of individuals.

House Bill 3163 adds a provision to ORS 97.130 recognizing the validity of written instruments provided by the Armed Forces of the United States for disposition of service member remains.