

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates March 30 of every year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Vietnam veterans never officially welcomed home
- 130,000 Vietnam veterans have committed suicide
- United States Senate passed resolution designating March 30th as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Vietnam War (“the war”) had significant American involvement from 1961 to 1975. More than 58,000 United States Armed Forces (USAF) personnel died and more than 300,000 were wounded during the war. Public debate about the war was extensive and many returning USAF members were not immediately honored for their service. More than 118,000 of Oregon’s citizens served in the war, and they--and other Vietnam veterans from around the country--commonly greet each other with the words, “Welcome home.” A number of states, including California, have designated a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Senate Bill 74 recognizes Oregon’s Vietnam veterans and establishes an annual day for honoring their service.