

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney, Boquist

Nays: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Military Department to name Salem Army National Guard Flight Facility "Governor Ted Kulongoski Army Aviation Training Center." Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Former Governor Kulongoski's contributions to Oregon and, in particular, to members of the military and their families
- Governor Kulongoski's attendance at service members' funerals and memorial services
- Salem Army National Guard complex
- Current name of complex

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Theodore (Ted) R. Kulongoski served as Governor of Oregon from January 13, 2003 until January 10, 2011. Former Governor Kulongoski was born on November 5, 1940 in rural Missouri. Most of his childhood was spent in a Catholic boys' home in St. Louis. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Southeast Asia. Governor Kulongoski obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri. After law school, he moved to Eugene to work as a labor lawyer. He was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1974 and to the Oregon State Senate in 1978. He served as Oregon's Insurance Commissioner from 1987 – 1992. In 1992, he was elected state Attorney General and in 1996, he was elected to the Oregon Supreme Court. He resigned from the court in 2001 to run for governor.

While serving as Governor, Kulongoski made multiple visits to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, attended each mobilization ceremony that took place during his governorship, went to military bases across the country to see Oregon troops off before they deployed, and visited Walter Reed Medical Center to visit wounded Oregon soldiers. Governor Kulongoski attended and gave eulogies at more than 120 funerals and memorial services for Oregon service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also was instrumental in establishing a plan to help Oregon workers serving in the National Guard pay their bills while deployed.

Senate Bill 601 honors former Governor Ted Kulongoski by directing the Oregon Military Department to name the Salem Army National Guard Flight Facility the "Governor Ted Kulongoski Army Aviation Training Center."

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