

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: 4/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates June 25 of each year Korean War Veterans Honor Day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sacrifices of Korean war veterans
- June 25th is day North Korea invaded South Korea
- 35,000 Korean war veterans living in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Shortly before dawn on June 25, 1950, North Korea attacked and invaded South Korea. President Truman authorized use of American land, sea and air forces in support of South Korea within days of the invasion. Fighting continued until July 27, 1953 when negotiations finally yielded a cease-fire agreement. Over 36,000 Americans lost their lives in the Korean War, including hundreds of Oregonians. More than 100,000 Americans were wounded and nearly 5,000 are still listed as missing in action. The Korean War is often called the Forgotten War.

Senate Bill 951 honors Korean War veterans for their service by naming June 25 of each year Korean War Veterans Honor Day.