

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

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Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson

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Meeting Dates: 6/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates State Highway 126, beginning where highway intersects with West 6th Avenue and West 7th Avenue in Eugene and ending where highway intersects with Main Street in Springfield, as Officer Chris Kilcullen Memorial Highway. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation to place and maintain markers along highway that indicate designation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lethal incident involving Officer Kilcullen
- History of Eugene police officer deaths in the line of duty
- Popularity of and admiration for Officer Kilcullen
- Use of highway dedications and markers to show respect and gratitude

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On April 22, 2011, Officer Chris Kilcullen, 12-year veteran of the Eugene Police Department, was killed following a vehicle pursuit, becoming the department's first officer to die in the line of duty in more than 70 years. Officer Kilcullen earned more than 85 commendations including twice being named Eugene Police Department Employee of the Month. The commendations awarded to Officer Kilcullen repeatedly cited his exemplary professional demeanor and positive interactions with the public he served, even in the most stressful circumstances.

Officer Kilcullen is survived by his wife Kristie, daughter Katie Ann, and stepdaughter Sidney.