76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Beyer, Burdick, Ferrioli, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/19

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. Requires Oregon Department of Transportation to place and maintain markers along highway that indicate designation.

MEASURE: SB 987 A

CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Service of Officer Kilcullen to the Eugene and Springfield communities
- Participation on Eugene Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team
- Ability to connect with and assist people in times of crisis
- Honors received for work as police officer
- Reason for designation of specific section of State Highway 126

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: 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. Requires Oregon Department of Transportation to place and maintain markers along highway that indicate designation.

BACKGROUND: On April 22, 2011, 12-year veteran of the Eugene Police Department Officer Chris Kilcullen was killed during a vehicle pursuit, becoming the department's first officer to die in the line of duty in more than 70 years. After attempting to stop a woman for running a red light, Officer Kilcullen, who was on his department motorcycle, pursued the suspect into Springfield. When Officer Kilcullen pulled up alongside the vehicle and indicated for the woman to pull over she fired a weapon at him, fatally wounding him.

Officer Kilcullen was integral in the creation of the Eugene Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team in 2008, and served on the Crisis Negotiation Team. In addition, 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, a daughter, Katie Ann, and a stepdaughter, Sidney.