



AFSCME Council 75

Supports

HB 3243 A

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Buddy Herron was going to work at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton. On his way he came across a motorist who was "off the road" in a ditch alongside Oregon Hwy 11. Buddy was attacked and stabbed to death by the stranded motorist. Buddy left behind his wife and children.

Unfortunately, Buddy stopped to help as any public safety officer is expected and required to do and he died as a result. Further when he died he was less than a month from vesting in his PERS retirement. What this means is that his family will get nothing from his PERS account. No benefits at all, just because he was killed in the line of duty a few weeks from his anniversary date.

HB 3243 A will allow Buddy Herron's family to receive a small but important benefit from his retirement. This bill treats his account as a vested account and gives his family a small and well deserved benefit.

AFSCME Council 75 urges your support for HB 3243 A. Thank you.

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