

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: No fiscal impact****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Transportation (ODOT) to erect and maintain roadside memorial sign for Tyrone Woods on Oregon Route 213, near milepost 2, and to collect fee for that purpose. Prohibits public bodies from providing fee and directs fee be deposited in Roadside Memorial Fund, separate and distinct from General Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

[pending] Directs ODOT to install and maintain Fallen Hero roadside memorial sign for Adam Buyes, on Highway 22, near milepost 20.

BACKGROUND: In 2011, the Legislature passed House Bill 3039, establishing the Roadside Memorial Fund to receive and appropriate monies to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to erect roadside memorial signs commemorating law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Pursuant to House Bill 3039, signs are erected when a concurrent resolution recognizing the police officer is adopted by the Legislature and ODOT receives funds to cover the cost of installation and maintenance. Two measures followed in 2013, expanding on this model: House Bill 2708B, permitting Fallen Hero roadside memorial signs for active duty members of the Armed Forces killed in action, and House Bill 3494 for a fallen veteran of extraordinary heroism.

Tyrone Snowden Woods, of Portland, Oregon, served in the Navy for 20 years as a SEAL and received the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. During his service with the Navy, he was a medical corpsman and paramedic on multiple SEAL teams. After retiring from the Navy, Tyrone Woods worked as a private security and intelligence contractor for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) at the U.S. State Department in Benghazi, Libya. He was killed by militants on September 12, 2012, after saving the lives of approximately 25 staff persons.

[pending] Marine Cpl. Adam J. Buyes, was killed on November 26, 2011, during combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Cpl. Buyes grew up in Salem and graduated from McKay High School in 2008. In January of 2009, he became a Marine. Cpl. Buyes deployed to assignment with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force of Okinawa, Japan, in September of 2009, and to Afghanistan in May of 2011. His death came only weeks before he was due to visit home and family in Salem. He was 21.

House committee vote: 7 • 0 • 0

House floor vote: 55 • 0 • 5

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