

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Esquivel, Fagan, Huffman, Parrish, Witt, Matthews
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Designates portion of Interstate 84 between Idaho state line and intersection with Interstate 5 in Portland as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. Requires Department of Transportation to place and maintain markers along Interstate 84 designating highway as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway with funds provided by veterans groups. Prohibits use of public funds for installation and maintenance of markers.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Bill is result of collaborative effort
- Mistreatment of Vietnam veterans when returned from war
- Importance of separating support for soldiers from support for war

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A majority of other states honor their Vietnam veterans with the dedication of a memorial highway. More than 57,000 Oregonians served in the Vietnam War and more than twice that number now live in Oregon. The Oregon State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America has offered to fund the installation of appropriate signage. Senate Bill 461 permits the Oregon Department of Transportation to work with the Oregon State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America so that Interstate 84, from Oregon's border with Idaho west to the point where it meets Interstate 5, will be known as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.