77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3049 CARRIER: Rep. Olson

House Committee on Transportation & Economic Development

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued **FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 10 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bentz, Cameron, Davis, Doherty, Gorsek, Lively, McKeown, Nathanson, Parrish, Read

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits Department of Transportation to issue veterans' recognition registration plate to Gold Star Family member who is sibling of person who was killed in action in armed conflict while serving in Armed Forces of United States.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senate Bill 557 (2007 Legislative Session)
- Testimony from family members of the fallen
- Committee expressed its respect and appreciation for service and sacrifices rendered

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The veteran's recognition license plate is currently in circulation and available to those who qualify. As a result, while House Bill 3049 expands the number of people who would qualify to be issued this type of license plate to include additional family members of service members killed in action, no additional time and/or financial resources are expected be expended to comply with the intent of the measure. No special privileges, such as free towing, are extended to persons with veterans' recognition plates, nor are insurance rates discounted or reduced as a result.

Other states allow parents, step-parents, wives, husbands and siblings to obtain a veterans' recognition license plate. The proponents of House Bill 3049 believe that this revision should not cost the state any money and that, with the increased number of plates ordered, it should result in more funds being donated from the program to veterans' homes.