

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 3 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Olsen, Boquist

Nays: 0

Exc.: President Courtney

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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Fallen Hero roadside memorial signs to recognize members of United States Armed Forces killed in action or from wounds received in action, beginning with Eric McKinley, Tyler Troyer, and Kevin Davis. Directs Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to set and collect fee for associated costs and establish corresponding protocols.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact and reminder of personalized roadside memorials in places where deceased persons were known
- Distinguishable from generalized road signs and designated days; for families and communities
- Provision of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Includes Kevin Davis.

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. House Bill 2708B, modeled after the 2011 legislation, permits roadside memorial signs for members of the Armed Forces killed in action, upon receipt of funds to cover the cost of installation and maintenance.

Marine Lance Cpl. Tyler Troyer died from wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces near Al Karmah, Iraq on November 19th, 2005. Lance Cpl. Troyer was a native Oregonian who enlisted after graduating from West Albany High School. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Oregon National Guard Specialist Eric McKinley was killed June 13th, 2004, under attack from small-arms fire and an improvised explosive device in Baghdad. Specialist McKinley was a native Oregonian who attended Philomath High School and lived in Corvallis, where he worked at Alpine Bakery. He was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Army National Guard.

Army Staff Sgt. Kevin D. Davis, a 14-year National Guard member, died of injuries received from an explosion near his Humvee on April 8th, 2005, in Hawijah, Iraq. He was a native Oregonian, born in Nyssa. He graduated from West Albany High School, and worked at both the Linn-Benton Juvenile Detention Facility and as a reserve officer with the Lebanon Police Department. At the time of his death, Staff Sgt. Davis was assigned to G Troop, 82nd Cavalry, Oregon Army National Guard, Redmond, Oregon. Prior to deployment with G Troop, he served with Troop F of Lebanon, Oregon.

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